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The Rensselaer Central Chaos Presents . . .

# Sign of the Times

Rensselaer Central High School  
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# OPENING

## Time to Begin . . . Again

"Mom!! Where are my new shoes? I've got to go! Have you seen them?" A mad search ensues through the house. Clothes are torn from the closet, furniture overturned, while the dog timidly hides under the bed, whimpering. "It's 8:06. I'll never make it. This is great! My first day of high school and I can't find my stupid shoes."

"Are these what you're looking for?" There stands your mother with something that vaguely resembles the shoes you bought two days ago. They are now dripping with dog saliva. "They were under your bed."

There's no time to waste. Disgustedly you slip on the "Totally bad" pair of mongrel slobbered brand new Reeboks. "I will shoot that dog," you mutter. You find yourself wishing that Fido would meet up with some mysterious accident while you're at school. It couldn't get much worse.

Four years later . . .

"Honey- get up! You're going to be late! School starts in ten minutes!" Your mother pounds on the other side of the door for a few more seconds, gives up, and heads for the bathroom. You hear her muttering as she saunters down the hall, "What's he going to do at college when there's nobody to wake

him up? He'll sleep all day probably. Just sleep and eat . . ." She talks to herself more, while the dog follows her down the hall chewing on an old Reebok.

"Just four more minutes, Mom," you plead. "Only one more year of school. I can make it through one more year. I can make it . . ." You fall back asleep. Four minutes later you're violently awakened by the screaming voice of a woman driven near insanity with her efforts of getting you out of bed.

"GET OUT OF THAT BED NOW OR ELSE!" A threat? No, the sound of her voice leads you to believe she is more than serious. You groggily pull yourself out of bed, pull on some clothes and drag yourself to the door.

"Mom, where are my shoes?"

"Your new ones?"

"The ones I got at the mall two days ago."

"I put them under your bed so you'd have them for today."

You can't quite put your finger on it but you suddenly have a strange sense of déjà vu. The first day of school . . . What was it? The Dog! You dash back into your room and search under the bed. They're just where you suspected, safe, sound, and dry. Perhaps it won't be such a bad year after all.



*Band member Marna Spicer takes time out to mull over the events of a basketball game.*

# Time for a Cool Change



*A.J. Worley teaches beginning Spanish to the first graders.*



*Heather Groom answers the phone in the office.*



*Missi Matzman swings for the camera.*





*Amber Kleist works with acrylic paint in art class.*

*Kori Pfledderer smiles for the yearbook photographer while working on a chemistry assignment.*



*Does Elvis live or is it just Brian Wicks impersonating The King for Bomber basketball fans?*

*Jo White endures another Mr. McKim lecture.*

*Janet Shuster watches time fly.*



# Mini-Magazine

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by gina leichtry

**T**here is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...

Rensselaerians saw many changes in the community during the 1990- 1991 school year. It was a time of building up and tearing down. One of the biggest changes the small town faced was the destruction of the old high school. The students had varying opinions about the demolition for the new library. "I really wish they could have saved the old high school and used it for something, perhaps a dance hall for teens or something. They should have built the new library somewhere else," said Joy Mendenhall.

"The town really needed to expand the old one (library). The old high school wasn't really of any use anyway," added Toni Miller

Besides the demolition of the old high school, there were other changes to the town. Burger King finally included itself as one of a plethora of fast food chains at the Interstate I-65 off ramp. One of the longest standing businesses in Rensselaer, J.C. Penney's, closed its doors in early



*All that stands of the old high school.  
Eric VanMeter paints Tom VanWienan before a regional game.  
Courthouse renovation begins.*

A time to build and a time to tear down...

March. "Too bad," quipped sophomore Jeremy Leichtry "It was one of the last nice clothing stores downtown." The catalog department was kept open, but the downtown will never be the same.

Looking towards the future, in May of 1991, there was a proposed change which

would affect many residents in the Rensselaer area. At that time plans began to be drawn up for an addition to Van Rensselaer School which would combine the two elementary schools.





## National Hall of Fame

World Series .....	Cincinnati Reds
Super Bowl .....	New York Giants
College Basketball .....	Duke Blue Devils
Indy 500 1991 .....	Rick Mears
Stanley Cup .....	Pittsburgh Penguins
Kentucky Derby .....	"Strike the Gold"
Heavyweight Boxing .....	Evander Holyfield
NBA Champions .....	Chicago Bulls

## A time to win and a time to lose . . .

Sports are a very important part of American society. From the all-American game of baseball to water skiing more and more people are becoming involved in some kind of sports activity. Many find companionship in participating in sports

while others find exhilaration and thrills in competition. Some enjoy simply being an observer. Whatever the motivation for participation, sports can be a wonderful way of meeting people and making friends. Often athletes share a common bond which can make the way for wonderful friendships.

The year in sports for RCHS could be referred to as the "Year of Triumph." Many of the eight seasonal teams were successful in capturing either sectional, regional, and/or conference titles. Dan Brandenburg, Julie Koebecke, Shannon Barton, Alison Malone, and Kori Pfledderer all went to state competitions individually. RCHS and the CHAOS are very proud of everyone that participated in sports last year.



RCHS Hall of Fame

Girls Basketball won sectional  
Girls Swimming won NWHC

Alison Malone and Shannon Barton  
went to state in Diving competition  
Boys Varsity Basketball won Regional  
Boys Track won NWHC

Dan Brandenburg went to state in  
two events: high jump and the 200  
meter dash

Girls Track

Julie Koebecke and Kori Pfledderer  
went to state in the discus competition.  
Julie won the state discus competition.

*Pat Donnelly hurls the shot put during a track meet.  
Mark Hurley and Sean Halligan warm up before a game.*



# Movies: \$\$\$\$



Steve Kronen and Julie Koebke sing during choir.

Big Money Makers  
-Home Alone  
-Pretty Woman  
-Ghost

The year proved to be quite an upset with two of the biggest money making films starring females. Usually the films that make it big at the box office are the strong pow-



erful roles played by sexy adventuresome men like Harrison Ford or Sylvester Stallone. However, 1990 proved to be quite a different story. Well boys, it looks like Julia Roberts and Demi Moore swept you off of your feet!

A time to weep and a time to laugh...



## Television-what you saw and liked or didn't

### Top 10 Movies

- Goodfellas
- To Sleep with Anger
- Pretty Woman
- Home Alone
- Edward Scissorhands
- Awakenings
- Ghost
- Dances with Wolves
- Wild at Heart

### Bottom 10 Movies

- Bonfire of the Vanities
- Jacob's Ladder
- The Rookie
- Bird on a Wire
- The Two Jakes
- Texasville
- Revenge
- The Adventures of Ford Fairlane
- Look Who's Talking Too
- Graffiti

### Top 10

- 1 The Civil War
- 2 Decoration Day
- 3 Family of Spies
- 4 In Living Color
- 5 The Last Best Year
- 6 Mystery Science Theater 3000
- 7 The Simpsons
- 8 IT
- 9 Treasure Island
- 10 Twin Peaks

### Bottom 10

- 1 The Big One: LA Earthquake
- 2 Coins in the Fountain
- 3 Cop Rock
- 4 E.A.R.T.H. Force
- 5 It's Gary Shanking's Show
- 6 Good Grief
- 7 Into the Night Starring Rick Dees
- 8 Rock Hudson
- 9 Bob Seger: In the Dream State
- 10 Voices Within: The Lives of Truddi Chase



# Entertainment

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Shopping .....	6
Go to Mall .....	3
Go out to eat .....	2
Fishing .....	2
Be at One with Nature .....	1
Biking .....	1
Bowling .....	1
Clean the House .....	1
Lift Weights .....	1
Play Nintendo .....	1
Watch Saturday Night Live .....	1
Swimming .....	1



A time to  
mourn and  
a time  
to dance . . .



## 1990 Awards

### ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Sinead O'Connor

### BEST ALBUM

I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got

-Sinead O'Connor

Ragged Glory

-Neil Young and Crazy Horse

All Shook Down

-The Replacements

Time's Up

-Living Colour

Interiors

-Roseanne Cash

### BEST SINGLE

Nothing Compares to You

-Sinead O'Connor

### BEST BAND

Living Colour

### BEST NEW AMERICAN BAND

The Black Crowes

### BEST FEMALE SINGER

Sinead O'Connor

### BEST MALE SINGER

Aaron Neville

### BEST HEAVY METAL BAND

King's X

### BEST RAP GROUP

Public Enemy

### BEST VIDEO

Justify my Love

### WORST ALBUM

To the Extreme

### WORST SINGLE

Ice Ice Baby

### WORST BAND

Nelson

### WORST VIDEO

Cherry Pie

# War in the Gulf

A time  
for War  
and a  
time for  
Peace . . .

One of the things that will always stand out in the memories of students as they reflect upon their high school year at RCHS during 1990-91 is that the Gulf War came and thankfully went quickly. It wasn't a huge war by historical standards or an atrocious war by American standards in loss of lives, as had been the case in Vietnam, but it was a war. It caused many students to become global citizens. All at once the petty daily occurrences at home seemed so insignificant when no one knew if there would be a tomorrow. There were endless questions and doubts? Would Saddam Hussein use nerve gas, or worse, start a nuclear attack? Would this become World War III? Would we have

to see our high school friends off to war? Would there be another draft?

The students also had different feelings about the role the United States was taking in the conflict. Some felt adamantly opposed to the conflict, viewing it only as a chance for the US to maintain control over Arabian oil reserves. At the same time, other students felt the need to support the government's decision to take part in the war or at least to support the war itself.

Rensselaer as a community soon felt the impact of the conflict. It wasn't long before families bid farewell to sons and brothers as they headed off to the desert in preparation for war. Soon flags, banners, and yellow ribbons could be seen throughout the town. Patriotism was the watchword.

In January, as tensions mounted in The Gulf, so did feelings in the community. A few students from the college and from the high school held a small demonstration for peace on the courthouse lawn. Some misinformed public appeared thinking it was a vigil for the troops. Things worked out well as the group lit candles and prayed both for peace and for the safety of the troops.

On January 15, the war began. Operation Desert Shield became Operation

Desert Storm. An American public alive with fearful anticipation waited by televisions and watched as missiles lit up the Saudi and Iraqi skies. They listened as reporters described the sights. Everyone wondered what would happen next. It soon became obvious that the United States would be victorious. The supposedly impenetrable Iraqi Guard began surrendering by the thousands to the American troops, and even a CBS news crew. Near the end of February, Kuwait City was liberated.

There was rejoicing throughout the land. The President assured the American citizens that the war in The Gulf was over. The troops came home in what seemed an eternity. Fortunately, Rensselaer saw no casualties to any of its men or women stationed in the Arabian Region.

Although the war is over now, the conflict still remains. There are still men and women stationed in the region to prevent further attack. We hope peace is soon achieved in the Persian Gulf and in other parts of the world. And someday we hope to see the end of war as a means of obtaining peace. Until then, our prayers continue.



*I pledge alligience to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the republic for which it stands  
one nation, under God, indivisible  
with liberty and justice for all.*



*Amber Dunlap and Steph Kronen hold candles during the convocation for the troops in the Gulf. Students with friends or relatives in the Gulf hold a candlelight vigil for those troops.*

*Jeff Rayburn dons a yellow ribbon neck tie in hopes for peace at the convocation for the troops.*

**"Ask not what  
your country  
can do for you  
but what you  
can do for your  
country."**



## \*Un tributo a una profesora magnifica!

A time  
to plant  
and a  
time to  
uproot . . .



The room is neatly decorated. There are newspaper clippings on the bulletin board of student events that happened throughout the year. A middle aged woman sits at the back of the room calculating scores from her gradebook as this editor approaches her.

CHAOS: Mrs. Cappuccilli, do you mind if I interview you for the yearbook?

MRS. CAPP: Sure that's fine. What would you like to know?

CHAOS: I'd just like to ask you a few questions about your long and interesting career. To begin with, how many years have you been teaching?

MRS. CAPP: I'm almost embarrassed to say. Altogether I've been teaching for thirty-four years.

CHAOS: That's a long time. Have you taught at many different schools?

MRS. CAPP: Well, (she pauses) I taught at a school in Michigan for seven years before I came here. For awhile I taught Spanish and French part time at St. Joe until I began teaching full time at RCHS in 1964.

CHAOS: You've been involved in quite a few organizations while here at RCHS. What were they?

MRS. CAPP: I've been a director for proms, I was the sponsor for the foreign language club, I sponsored the Future Nurses club and Panorama, a literary magazine. I started the Sigma Digamma club. We (Mrs. Swartzell and I) based the club's name of the letters of the Greek alphabet. Sigma was the S for Spanish and Digamma formed the F for French. Later, as the department expanded, we also included Latin.

CHAOS: I'm aware that you're currently the sponsor for the Sunshine Society. How long have you been involved with this?

MRS. CAPP: I've been the sponsor for twelve years.

CHAOS: Mrs. Capp, you've taught a variety of subjects as well. Could you enlighten us as to what they were?

MRS. CAPP: Spanish, Latin, French, and English.

CHAOS: Do you have a favorite?

MRS. CAPP: I hate to say, but probably English.

CHAOS: Do you have any special memories of your teaching experiences?

MRS. CAPP: One of the highlights of my career was in 1981. I was named Hoosier English Teacher of the Year. That was quite an honor.

CHAOS: I imagine it was. Well, Mrs. Capp, as you're facing retirement in a few weeks do you have any plans for the future?

MRS. CAPP: I'd like to relax, pursue some hobbies, catch up on some reading and hopefully do a little traveling, probably not too far.

Fred Salem waits for his cue in speech class's radio production of "The Lone Ranger." Mrs. Cappuccilli accepts an honorary diploma from Mr. Day.



There were times when Mrs. Capp could have strangled me, but now we can look back on those moments and laugh. She is a very intelligent woman. I'm sure RCHS will not soon forget her. Heidi Eldridge

## Rensselaer's Most Wanted

### Profile

1. Fredric Salm  
-Homeland: Belgium  
-Eyes: Blue  
-Hair: Blonde  
-Nickname: Fred
2. Gabriella Vega  
-Homeland: Chihuahua, Mexico  
-Hair: Dark Brown  
-Eyes: Brown  
-Nickname: Gaby

*Gaby Vega teaches a Spanish lesson to some young students.*

## Exchange Students

# A time to tear and a time to mend . . .



One of the neatest experiences an individual can have is being an exchange student to a different country. This year Rensselaer Central High School had the privilege to have two exchange students within its walls: Gabriella Vega from Mexico and Fred Salm from Belgium. Both not only learned new American customs, but also brought to the students of Rensselaer some interesting foreign customs.

Fred thoroughly enjoyed his stay in America. He said that he'd looked forward to coming for a long time and he seized the opportunity when it came. Once he arrived, he enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of Rensselaer especially in the school system. The classes were not as strict and there was less stress present. One thing he especially enjoyed about school in America was the emphasis placed on sports competition. He enjoyed playing and watching sports activities. Some of his acquired favorite teams while

in Rensselaer were the Raiders, the Cubs, and anything IU.

In the summer of '91, Fred will be traveling across America to California. Later he will visit Canada before returning to Rensselaer once more and then he'll head back to Belgium. It was wonderful having him here. He brought a lot of happiness to those he met.

Another exchange student, Gaby, also enjoyed her visit to America. She came to improve her use of the English language because someday she hopes to be a bilingual secretary and study design in modeling.

Gaby also noticed some differences in the school system between the U.S. and Mexico. In Mexico, her school began at 8:00 and ended around 1:45 in the afternoon.

Gaby, as well as Fred, were a lot of fun to be with. Their interests were wide and varied and they grew to become temporary Hoosiers very quickly.

CLASS  
OF  
1991

*I really enjoyed my senior year with Mrs. Capp. Through the four years I've been in her class my respect for her has grown. We share many common views and she's become more than just a teacher to me. Gina Leichty*

## Stop! Bomber Time!



*Mrs. Cappuccilli and the mass communications class pause to watch Channel 1. In the above center picture, Chuck Murphy, Deana DeWet, Charlene Jefferson, Travis Davis, Kris Hyonen, Melinda Klaus, Jill Smith, and Jenny Bean pose for an interesting picture.*

*Matt Hopkins takes a rest from Mrs. Briggs' biology lecture. To the right, Mr. Zimmer helps Ari Longoria and Paul Kyle with their physical science homework.*







*Toby Jordan flattens his good side for the camera. Krista Wortley and the other freshman slaves parade around the gym on senior pride day.*



*Much to the dismay of his friends, junior Tim Thompson pulls a sticky stunt.*

# People

## *Students and Staff*

What is it about Rensselaer Central High School that makes it so special? One doesn't need to be here long to find out. The people are what makes a school either a success or a failure and the people within the walls of the high school can be attributed to its widely known success.

One of the first things newcomers notice when they walk into the building are the walls themselves. Student artwork from the present and past years is displayed throughout all of the halls and in some of the rooms. In the library there are soft sculptures and clay workings displayed in various settings.

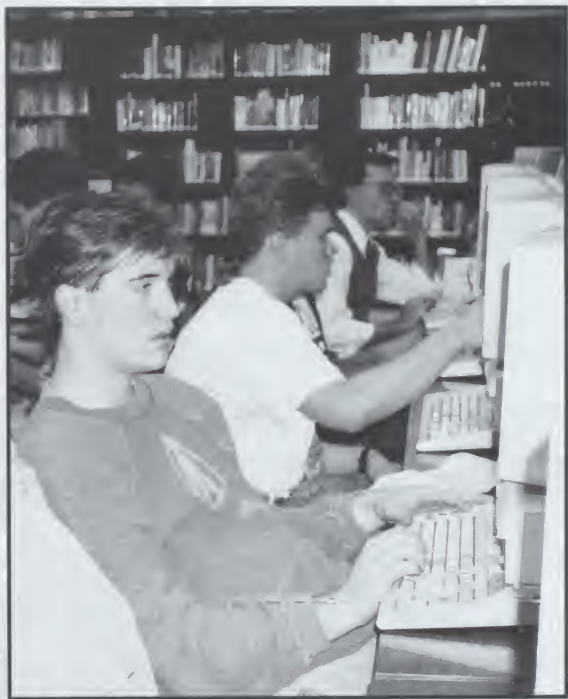
Rensselaer is also known throughout the state for its unique talent in sports. During the 1990-

91 school year, many of the varsity teams advanced to Sectional, Regional, and even Semi-State Championships. These goals would have never been accomplished without the dedication of the students and staff members.

Rensselaer also has a strong academic stance. Bombers for Academic Excellence awards many students each year with Bomber Cards for their outstanding achievement in Academics. Several of the school academic teams; the Spell Bowl Team, the Academic Team, and the Business Professionals; did very well in contests throughout the year.

The people of Rensselaer Central can herald 1990-1991 as a very successful year in many ways. They can attribute this to each other. It can truly be said of the Bombers, "We are Family!"





Senior Greg Allison continues to meet the challenge of the PS2's in the media center.

David Day  
Gilbert Grimmins  
Betty Barton  
John Baumann  
Mary Lou Baumann  
Judy Beehler

Roger Beehler  
Jan Benner  
Steve Brandenburg  
Shirley Bretzinger  
Betty Briggs  
Joe Burvan

Judy Burvan  
Terry Butler  
Phyllis Cappuccilli  
Steve Doud  
Gene Edmonds  
JoAnn Grant



*June Sals cleans the girls' basketball uniforms.*

## Faculty-Leading RCHS Students To Future Times

The Rensselaer faculty and staff brought light and new meaning to Bomber pride during 1990-91. Early in the year, each teacher purchased a red Bomber pride sweat-shirt which they wore on certain days to show their support of school activities, whether they were academic, extra-curricular, or athletic.

The faculty and staff were always there to help students learn when they were needed. Part of the 1990 Education Week theme was "It takes everyone to educate everyone," and that is what the staff tried to do at the high school.

When Mr. Baumann was asked for his thoughts on teaching at RCHS, his reply was "I like working with the students of RCHS and inspiring them to attain the highest possible academic achievements." Mrs. Risner's comments on the year were "The year has been interesting for me, yet hectic at times. I like the kids best, but I also enjoy working with the RCHS staff."

New members who joined the staff during the school year were Glenn Northern (band), Debbie Hannon (study skills), and Chris Risner (secretary.)



Doris Hammersley  
Dori Hancock  
Robert Hainje  
Debbie Hannon  
Maureen Jungblut  
Dan Kellow



Cindy Kimmel  
Janet Kingman  
Jerry McKim  
Doug McKinley  
Nancy Messman  
Arthur Middleton



Charlotte Miller  
Curt Minger  
Luetta Nussbaum  
Bill Oates  
Tom Peters  
John Porter



Tom Ryan  
Norita Schultz  
Marian Sheffer  
Alice Smith  
Rich Stefanich  
Calvin Steinke



Jane Swartzell  
Chuck Tait  
Alice Tomlinson  
Pete Walters  
Ron Wamsley  
Kathy Ward



Bill Zimmer  
Bill Zych  
Chris Risner



*Pictured left is the school board. Bottom row (from left): Dr. John Egen, Mary Wilkerson, and Thomas Lathbrook. Standing: Wayne Klinkbamer, Herbert Aribod, Thomas Moore, and Dr. Jan Gausdrop.*

Tanya Allie  
Chad Anderson  
Kevin Arnold  
Heath Arndt  
Berry Baker  
Derrick Barton



Kevin Best  
Chip Black  
Ryan Brown  
Jennifer Brunton  
Regina Buczek  
Jason Bufkin



Valerie Burdick  
Melanie Callahan  
Joel Canine  
LaVon Chadwick  
David Coley  
Brandee Cook



Berry Baker buries his face in whip cream on "Senior Pride Day".

## A Time For New Beginnings

A time of new beginnings started for the class of 1994, as RCHS offered many new changes and challenges to the young Bombers.

Senior Pride Day allowed the new class to receive a taste of upperclassmen pride. Freshmen were picked to be slaves for a day. Dressed in the costumes prepared for them, freshmen were forced to obey the seniors' commands. Many freshmen became well acquainted with the school song which they had to sing frequently. Maurie Williams commented that it was all very enjoyable. "I liked it because you could act stupid and no one really cared." Another freshman, Jamie Wilmington, also en-

joyed the experience saying, "Senior Pride Day was fun, even though I felt like a nerd."

Another challenge faced was the change from middle school. Jason Gilbert commented, "I enjoyed going from the middle school wrestling team to the more prestigious high school team." Williams added, "I enjoy the teachers more because they were better at spending time with individual students. I also enjoyed more freedom that is offered at the high school."

1990-1 offered the freshmen a whole new realm of challenges and experiences on which they began to build pride in being Bomber students.



Cory Cotney  
Jason Courtney  
Jeremy Crews  
Bobbie Cross  
Jon Dewey  
Angela Dill

Brandi Dobson  
Heather Donnelly  
Kristi Donnelly  
Wendy Eaton  
Mike Ekstrom  
Keely Eshleman

Jason Fellmy  
Susan Flatt  
Melissa Garcia  
Brian Gastineau  
Jason Gilbert  
Scott Gilbert

Crystal Hall  
Kevin Hammond  
Lisa Harden  
Nicole Harlan  
Mandie Harris  
Tom Hayes

Chad Healey  
Matt Hopkins  
Norman Howell  
Angie Hoyes  
Lynnette Huhn  
Craig Hudley

Scott Jackson  
Nathalie Jones  
Anne Jordan  
Kate Kanne  
Michael Kasky  
Leslie Kaye

David Kellner  
Heather Kellner  
Heidi Kellner  
John Kendal  
Tyann Kiger  
Sarah Kingman



Colleen Knouff  
 Bill Lane  
 Kyle Lanoue  
 Donna Latta  
 David Lintner  
 Jennifer Luecke



Mike Maienbrook  
 Stacy Manns  
 Valerie Marlatt  
 Melissa Mathew  
 Nathan Mathew  
 Sean McKim



Joy Mendenhall  
 Ryan Meunier  
 Toni Miller  
 Pat Miller  
 Scott Minter  
 Eric Murray



Arny Myers  
 Adam Nagel  
 Jay Prouty  
 Kara Putt  
 Heather Rafferty  
 Dan Randolph



Courtney Regan  
 Mike Ringen  
 Cindy Risner  
 Jake Risner  
 Courtney Roberts  
 Sean Robinson



Steve Rudd  
 Bob Sanders  
 Toni Sanrucci  
 Peter Schenk  
 Ashley Schreag  
 Dean Sheffler



Ryan Shulis  
 Chad Smart  
 Craig Smart  
 Jim Smith  
 Anthony Sparato  
 Mike Spencer





Jodie Stralhandske  
Harold Stanley  
Elizabeth Steiner  
Ivan Steinke  
Dennis Stone  
Molly Stowers

Lisa Suhr  
Aaron Teske  
Kim Tillotta  
Chad Todd  
Tracy Vaughn  
Heaven Wagner

Courtney Waling  
David Whited  
Maurie Williams  
Jaime Wilmington  
Brett Wireman  
Chrissa Wortley



*In the far left photo,  
Tracy Vaughn  
learns the RCHS  
computer system.  
Scott Minter pre-  
pares for the non-  
earthquake of 1990.  
Kyle Lanoue waits  
for the next humili-  
ation during Spirit  
Day '90.*

Heather Amster  
Michael Anderson  
Matthew Barlow  
Jennifer Bean  
Eric Beaver  
Missy Beaver



Nathan Brown  
John Chapman  
Michael Chapman  
Jerry Chernowsky  
Jennifer Conley  
Jason Cook



Becky Craig  
Sherri Craig  
Mistie Crapsey  
Kim Crouse  
Carla Cumutt  
Stacy Daniels



## Sophomores Making Times to Remember

"Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock." As time ticks each second away, the clock seems to move much more

Another event that took place was when the class of '93 went to see *Cyrano de Bergerac* at the







Melissa Davis  
Julie Deno  
Deana DeWees  
Kim DeWees  
Avery Douglas  
Brad Dunlap

Julie Eisele  
Jason Elijah  
Mary Evano  
Brandon Frazee  
Greg Gesa  
Andy Gembala

Natalee George  
Michael Greene  
David Groppe  
Teresa Gutwein  
Malia Hale  
David Hamer

Jared Hancock  
Curt Hannon  
Miriam Hansen  
Shaden Haskell  
Jeff Hitchings  
Dave Hoaks

Ryan Hooker  
Mary Hull  
Charlen Jefferson  
Wade Johnson  
Toby Jordan  
Eric Justice

Anne Kanne  
Matt Kenny  
Chris Klimas  
Steve Koebeke  
Brad Kohlhaugen

Kim Kroonen  
Paul Kyle  
Jeremy Leichty  
Craig Lewis  
Steve Long  
Art Longoria

Julie Luck  
Jan Magnussen  
Angie Mason  
Joel Mason  
Colleen Mathews  
Jolie McCollum

Shannon McGraw  
Patty Nagel  
Harold Norris  
Chris Northcutt  
Jamie Overton  
Jason Overton

Greg Parker  
Chad Phegley  
Chris Prather  
Brian Rasmussen  
Mark Rayburn  
Jose Rodriguez

Heather Scherb  
Denae Schultz  
Amy Sigman  
Carolanne Sipekema  
Roberta Sipekema  
Alex Sitz

Carla Sizemore  
Grady Smith  
Jill Smith  
Jason Spangle  
Gabrielle Spence  
Marna Spicer

Heather Sealbaum  
Courtney Stewart  
Darrin Stone  
Jason Sowers  
Mindy Suhr  
Angie Tiede

Teresa Tomasello  
Heather Ulin  
Eric VanMeter  
Tom VanWienen  
Omar Villarreal  
Sarah Waples





Colt Webb  
Eric Whitlow  
Keith Wing  
Brian Zacher

*In the lower left photo Mr. Brandenburg helps Misty Beaver with an assignment in Biology 2. Lower right: artists Avery Douglas and Dan Cole sketch pictures in Mr. Beebler's class.*



*To the left Greg Gesa moves up in the world and out of Mr. Zimmer's physical science class.*

Amanda Alson  
Jo Amsler  
Dean Arndt  
Sandra Black  
Mandee Budd  
Brandon Cain

Leah Carroll  
Blake Carter  
Jacob Chapman  
Madonna Cook  
Jeff Countryman  
Paul Cochran

Anne Craig  
Tammy Dale  
Shellie Dobson  
Tina Dobson  
Kelli Doolin  
Brian Duncan



Jen Latt and Kris Hyvonen are still smiling after a well done halftime show.

## Time is Ticking Away For the Class of '92

As the class of 1992 moves through the high school, and are waiting to graduate, they are already planning their senior year. John Rafferty said he is "looking forward to slave day, and going out to lunch."

Cynthia Fenton, the junior class treasurer, says that is was hard getting money together for prom and the class dance, since the class is smaller than the average at RCHS and, hence, the dues were made higher.

As they are waiting for their turn at the top, they also have a few new faces in the junior class. Andy Norris, Tonja Pelligrino, Sanel Edmonds and Sandra Black entered the Rensselaer Central this

year and enjoyed it. Sandra Black said she is "enjoying her first year here, and the people are very friendly." Sanel Edmonds said he "enjoys partying with his fellow classmates" (on the weekends.) Tonja Pelligrino said there is a big difference between RCHS and her other school. She enjoyed her first year here and made many new friends.

The class of '92 is looking forward to being at the top, able to show their "senority." During their junior year the class busied themselves with having good year, getting ready for prom, summer, and their senior year. As the time keeps ticking away, the juniors remain ready for anything.



Cynthia Benton  
Angie Fenwick  
Cindy Fishburne  
Ronny Floyd  
Joe Garcia  
Aaron Gluth

Sean Halligan  
Pat Hammond  
Jason Harlan  
Christina Harrington  
Steve Hartley  
Terri Herre

Bryan Hesson  
Charley Hilton  
Charles Hodnett  
Ann Hopkins  
Greg Hoyes  
Mark Hurley

Kris Hyvonen  
Kelly Jordan  
Brandon Keiper  
Melinda Klaus  
Tom Kleist  
Desi Klopp

Cindy Lane  
Missi Lanoue  
Sanel Lekic  
Allen Linback  
Jenny List  
Oralia Longoria

Kerri Louck  
Alison Malone  
Michael Maniscalco  
Derick Manns  
Rita Manns  
Jason Marchand

Amy McNeil  
Don Meisner  
Chuck Murphy  
Tonya Nagel  
Andrew Norris  
Owana Northcutt



Carla Oliver  
 Tonja Pelligrino  
 Christopher Perkins  
 Amanda Plant  
 Jason Pullins  
 Jeremy Pullins



Tara Putt  
 John Rafferty  
 Marcella Risner  
 Nikole Risner  
 Amanda Rodeffer  
 Tim Sayers



Gretchen Schenk  
 Kari Schrum  
 Mike Schrum  
 Derick Schultz  
 Tracey Smith  
 Bill Souza



Alicia Staddon  
 Kenny Starnes  
 Heather Steffen  
 Jenni Streinkamp  
 Jason Swagert  
 Tamee Thompson



*To the right juniors  
 Dawn Woodke, un-  
 identified, Brandon  
 Kisler, and Aman-  
 da Plant recreate a  
 Union Army en-  
 campment in the ag  
 shop.*





Tim Thompson  
Wade Tillett  
Mike Twynning  
John Urbano  
John Warnke  
Erica Webb

Lisa Weems  
Carmela Whited  
Sonny Williams  
Chad Wilmington  
Dawn Woodke  
Chas Yeoman



During the next to last year at RCHS, the history department arranges different activities for the juniors to "live" famous times in American history. The American studies classes (the combination of American literature with the study of parallel U. S. History) with Mr. Ryan and Mr. Stefanich, as well as Mr. Potter's American history classes, gave students a chance to act out and obtain costumes for military encampments, protests, and other events in our nation's past. Though not always 100% accurate in equipment, the event is well researched by the participants.



*The photo in the center of the page shows Desi Klepp, Cyndi Fenton, and Alicia Staddon laughing as they put the finishing touches on Super Biology Teacher Betty Briggs at the Halloween spirit competition. To the lower left Mr. Ryan videotapes, while Mr. Stefanich directs the juniors who are pictured at the encampment on page 30. Among those in the audience are (left to right) Amanda Rodeffer, Melinda Klaus, Kris Hyonen, the teachers, Tonya Nagel, Anne Craig, unidentified, Kerri Louck, Gretchen Schenk, Jason Pullins, Mr. Wamsley (wondering from the back, what is happening in his shop) and several others unidentified.*

# SENIORS

## Time For Me to Fly...

The fall of 1990 started out like the beginning of any other school year. The students returned to school; some glad to be back with their friends while others dreaded each day. But like it or not, school was officially in session and soon all of the students conformed to the normal routine—at least for awhile. The trend of normality continued through fall and into the winter before a certain peculiarity began to surface in the behavior of the upperclassmen.

As winter coats were shed and the weather warmed, the senior's thoughts wandered from the teacher and textbooks to daydreams of sandy beaches and giant surf. They seemed to be suffering from an incurable disease which included such symptoms as fidgeting, short attention spans, late assignments, and mysterious absences on Mondays. The diagnosis: Senioritis.

The dreaded disease spread quickly throughout the class of '91. Soon whisperings about a senior skip day began to echo through the halls. The faculty cringed! "More homework!!!" they declared. But it was to no avail. School was drawing to a close and the seniors were

ready to spread their wings and take flight from Rensselaer as quickly as possible.

Soon, before most had even expected, the year was over. Senior awards and graduation flew by at the speed of light. It was over. The long years of work and play had come to one final conclusion. After commencement the seniors turned to each other with hugs, smiles and tears. How had the time flown by so quickly?

The long journey through RCHS was over for the Class of 1991. For many seniors it was the end of an impossible dream, for others freedom at last, but for all of them, the journey through high school was a time when wonderful memories were made. The seniors will never forget the times they shared down the path to graduation; the friends they lost, the friends they made, and the wonderful times they spent together. They will always remember those who helped mold them into who they are today. Although the seniors have gone their separate ways, they'll remember all the many things that happened within the walls at RCHS. And most importantly, they'll always remember each other.





*Cori Waling works on some farm equipment during the corn harvest with the school's agriculture department.*

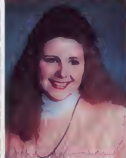
# Time for Change



For three years the class of 1991 thought about and anticipated their senior year. The senior year brought forth many changes for the students. They were granted new privileges. One of the senior luxuries was being able to leave campus for lunch. The seniors also were able to participate in activities designed specifically for them such as the traditional senior Mock Congress and Senior Pride day. On Senior Pride day each senior selected a freshman to be his or her servant for the day. The seniors also went to Kankakee Valley to listen to talks from Senator Dan Coats and Representative Walter Roorda.

One of the biggest problems facing the seniors was finding the means to pay for all of the senior expenses. Some of the major costs included senior portraits running anywhere from \$100 to \$300, graduation caps, gowns, invitations and memorabilia which cost approximately \$100. There were also the recreational activities such as prom, which cost the average couple around \$300. Other expenses which plagued the seniors' pocketbooks were daily lunch (eating out) ranging from \$2 to \$4, weekend entertainment averaging around \$15 and gas money which ran around \$10 a week. In order to cover these costs, many seniors were forced to find part time employment. During the summer prior to his senior year Dan Gehring built mint tubs on his father's farm to prepare for his costly senior year. Another senior, Dan Brandenburg, helped worm sheep for his father.

Despite the expenses, the seniors were burdened with their last year at RCHS; they all felt the good times and memories they made surpassed the hard work.





Andrea Anderson  
 Matt Anderson  
 Brian Arnold  
 Heather Baker  
 Shannon Barton  
 Shannon Baunach



Mark Bilyeu  
 Dan Black  
 Cheryl Burdick  
 Jerry Burge  
 Brian Chadwick  
 Gary Clapp



Cary Claussen  
 Katrina Cole  
 Miranda Curin  
 Donita Curnutt  
 Damon Daniels  
 Travis Davis



David Dewey  
 Gina Dowty  
 Amber Dunlap  
 Gabe Edwards  
 Heidi Eldridge  
 Jennifer Effinger



Maureen Folenga  
 Jamie Garcia  
 Dan Gehring  
 Steve Gehring  
 Heather Groom  
 Scott Hale

Mike Hammond  
Sarah Hansen  
Shawn Hensler  
David Hickman



Chris Hodnett  
Beth Hornbeck  
Rod Hughes  
Jennifer Ivey



Anna Joseph  
Robin Joseph  
Paul Justice  
Kevin Kellner



Julie Koebeke  
Juli Lakin  
Tonya Lane  
Gina Leichry



Jason Lintner  
Tom Lloyd  
Delandra Long  
Terry Luttrell







Kristin Moriarty  
Becky Morrill  
Greg Murphy  
Erica Murray



Mark Meyer  
Jim Miller  
Kelly Mitchell  
Jeff Moit



Mike Luzadder  
Scott Maenbrook  
Chrissy Mathew  
Missi Messman



Gretchen Nagel  
Julie Nuss  
Amy Osman  
Todd Overton



Kori Pfledderer  
Chris Phegley  
Kim Pierson  
Lynn Potter

Greg Potts  
Jennifer Purr  
Jeff Rayburn  
Chaz Robinson



Rhonda Robinson  
Troy Rule  
Frederic Salm  
Michele Sargent



Scott Sayers  
Wade Schulz  
Pat Schuttrow  
Dan Scriper



Tammy Shown  
Janet Shuster  
Melody Sizemore  
Leanne Spall



Walter Stanley  
Kelly Steinke  
Kim Steinke  
Priscilla Strange







Clint Swan  
Nicole Sykes  
Mike Tyche  
Gabriela Cordova-Vega



Chris Waling  
Cory Watt  
Jeani Webb  
Johanna White



Rick Wienrank  
Kim Williams  
Lana Williams  
Chad Willis



Brian Wood  
A.J. Wortley



# Seniors in the Spotlight

A long standing tradition at RCHS, the Senior Hall of Fame once again recognized some of the outstanding members of the senior class. These individuals were voted into infinite fame by their fellow classmates. Despite its long standing tradition, the Senior Hall of Fame differed from what we know it as today.

Over the years, the Hall of Fame evolved from a newspaper publication to being included in the yearbook each year. Some of the categories have also changed. The original Hall of Fame included such categories as Best Manners and Best Dancers. As times and traditions changed, there were changes in the names of the categories in order to include a variety of individuals. One recent addition to the categories was Most Original. This was designed to reflect the person who was original in dress and attitude.

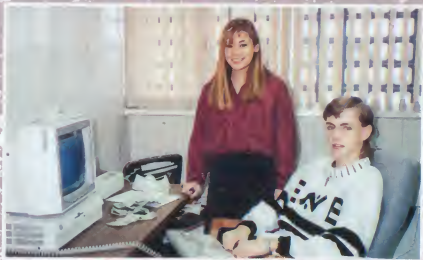
Some senior students worked all through their high school days just to get the honor of being a Senior Hall of Fame member, while others were quite surprised they received a nomination from their fellow classmates. The Senior Hall of Fame was basically just a way to recognize seniors for their special talents and qualities.



*Top left, Jamie Garcia and Heidi Eldridge: Most Humorous. Center page, Gina Leichty and Patrick Schatvrou: Most Musical. Bottom left, Kari Pfleiderer and Mark Bilyen: Best Hair. Bottom right, Shannon Barton, Cory Watt and Dan Gebring: Most Spirited.*



*Top left, Kim Williams and Greg Murphy: Best Dressed. Top right, Don Jordan and Heather Green: Best Eyes.*



*Bottom left, Julie Koebcke and Dan Brandenburg: Most Athletic. Bottom right, A.J. Wortley and Jo White: Most Likely to Succeed.*

*Top left, Shannon Baunach and Mark Meyer: Teacher's Pet. Top right, Kim Steinke and Walter Stanley: Most Artistic*



*Bottom left, Heather Baker and Clint Swan: Most Friendly. Bottom right, Christy Mathew and Dan Brandenburg: Best Looking.*





*To the left, Malody Sizemore, Jennifer Putt, and Brien Murphy: Most Original. Bottom left, Chaz Robinson and Steph Kronen: Biggest Flirt. Bottom right, Leanne Hickman and Dan Gebring: Most Talkative.*





# ACTIVITIES

## A Time to get Busy

It went without saying that life in and outside of RCHS kept the students and faculty busy throughout the year. Outside of the everyday school curriculum, there were many activities that made the year exciting. In the fall, Homecoming provided much excitement with spirit days, the bonfire, the Homecoming Parade, and Senior Pride Day. The week culminated with the big game against Lake Station and the crowning of Miss Shannon Baunach as the Homecoming Queen of 1990. During the winter, the students participated in the Morp dance, sponsored by the Student Council. Final exams brought the 1990 year to a sobering conclusion before the Christmas and New Year's Eve festivities. With

the arrival of spring came many more activities. The spring musical, "Annie Get Your Gun" starring Keri Louck and Rod Hughes was a shooting success. The annual Sunshine Dance and the Junior-Senior Prom also kept people on their toes dancing the night away.

In order to be able to afford some of these activities plus the increasing economic demands, some students found it necessary to find a part-time job during the school year. There were a variety of jobs individuals found from bagging groceries to cleaning animal cages. Whatever the activity, the students all agreed that the 1990-91 school year was a busy and exciting one.





During the Halloween convocation, Mr. McKim tries to rally support from the student body for having the most outrageous costume.

# Homecoming

Homecoming 1990 turned out to be a fun filled week at school and a tremendous victory for the Rensselaer Bombers. The Bombers wiped up the field with a smashing defeat over the Lake Station Eagles by a score of 33-0.

Like each previous year, 1990 provided the usual homecoming activities and events that helped pump up the football players for one of their biggest games of the year. One of the highlights of the week was the spirit days. The most popular day by far was Senior Pride Day, also known as Slave Day. The seniors initiated the freshmen by having them dress up in bizarre costumes while developing some Bomber pride by having them sing the school song before each class. The week culminated with the homecoming parade led by Grand Marshall, John Baumann, which went through the main street of town and ended at the high school. The 1990 parade consisted of the usual class floats and sports teams. After reaching the high school the classes presented their skits and the cheerleaders inspired the crowd with chants and cheers around the bonfire where each of the classes presented a sacrifice to be burned. Speeches were given from the coaches and team captain Jim Miller. Homecoming presented a unique twist by having six homecoming candidates instead of the usual five. The queens and their escorts were Heather Baker escorted by Mark Meyer, Steph Kronen with Chris Phegley, Kori Pfledderer and Walter Stanley, Chrisy Mathew escorted by Steve Gehring, Shannon Baunach with Chris Hodnett, and Jo White escorted by A.J. Wortley. During halftime, Miss Shannon Baunach was crowned the 1990 Homecoming Queen.

All of the events from the spirit days to the game and the crowning of the queen helped make Homecoming 1990 an enjoyable time for everyone.



*What a parade! Top right is Steph Kronen enjoying the ride in the homecoming parade. Above is Kori Pfledderer riding past the crowd during halftime. Far right are Heather Baker with her escort Mark Meyer. Right is Jo White smiling bright for the crowd!*





*Pictured in the bottom left-hand corner is the homecoming candidate Christy Mathew with her escort Steve Gebring. All smiles! Bottom right are the queen candidates from left to right, Heather Baker, Shannon Baunach, Kori Pflederer, Christy Mathew, Steph Kronen, and Jo White. Bustin' through! Directly below is a varsity football player busting through the circle before the homecoming game. To the left is the 1990 homecoming queen, Shannon Baunach.*



# M O R P II



*Top: Malia Hale gets down to some funky morp music. Bottom left: Kris Hyvonen, Jill Smith, and Melinda Klaus put up a sign to advertise the dance. Bottom right: the Morp king, and queen enjoy a royal dance together.*

# BACKIN BLACK

Morp II danced off to a great success December 1990 with freshmen queen and king Regina Buzack and Jason Fellmy presiding over the grand affair. Morp, the backward prom, is the annual dance sponsored by the Student Council. The theme of the dance was "Back in Black." The students enjoyed the relaxed, dress down dance.

Desi Klopp stated, "It was an experience I'll never forget as long as I live. I liked the theme and enjoyed the music they played." The dj's played plenty of modern rap music and had videos to coincide with the music. Many souvenirs were provided so the students could take home their memories. The Chaos staff took black and white pictures of couples

and friends as part of the dancers' memorabilia. Plastic cups with the "Back in Black" theme were also supplied for the students.

The souvenirs, pictures, music and friends helped make the second annual Morp dance a smashing success.



*Above: many couples enjoy a romantic dance around the gym. Left: decked out in black tops and cut-offs, Cindy Fenton and Desi Klopp dance away.*

# SUNSHINE

*Dance*



*Mr. Day crowns Kelly Mitchell queen of the 1991 Sunshine Dance. Tertia Gatswen admires her tropical handwork.*



The 1991 Sunshine dance held on April 13, was a huge success with an approximate attendance of 300.

The chairmen of the dance came up with the theme "Almost Paradise," and the executive board approved it.

Vice presidents Johanna White and Lynn Potter did the planning for the dance, working out the details by starting at the beginning of the year.

Decorating in the gym was done by members who were willing to give their time for the club.

Tickets for the dance cost \$5 per couple. When arriving at the dance souvenirs were given out: key rings for the guys and miniature silk rose buds for the girls.

The queen of the dance was Kelly Mitchell. The princesses were

Seniors	Shannon Baunach
Juniors	Cindy Fenton
Sophomores	Stephanie Filson
Freshman	Melanie Callahan

To qualify for the queen and princesses, five or six girls who sold the most candy and gift items combined with their work done for the club through the year, became candidates. Then the members voted for a girl in their class.



*Tonya Nagel, Kelli Dollin, and Sarah Hansen decorate the entrance way with miles of streamers.*

*The Sunshine queen and her court: Queen Kelly Mitchell and princesses Stephanie Filson, Shannon Baunach, Cindy Fenton, and Melanie Callahan.*



# CONVOCATIONS

*Students enjoy another pep assembly.*



*Sam Rhine lectures on genetics and substance abuse.*

*Mr. Day happily makes good in his offer to shave his head for the boys basketball team (after he has a leg repair in a faculty game for a pep rally).*



# Shortening the Day with Variety

The high school convocations were fun, interesting, educational, and more than just a reason to be out of class.

A war convocation was held in the spring to honor the soldiers defending Kuwait. Inspired by the convo, students got packs together to send to the soldiers from Rensselaer. The packages consisted of things such as: soap, boxed and canned food, deodorant, magazines, newspapers, and books. A video tape of things around

school was also sent to remind the troops of their hometown.

Pat Hurley's comedic style was another spring convo. This former WGN tv personality had messages for teenagers about being teenagers: how things were relevant from when he was in school and how they were very different. Another meeting was held after school for the whole family.

Sam Rhine's subject matter was intensely serious. He held a three hour

lecture about genetics, telling of the dangers that drinking and smoking can have on the unborn child.

Free-Fare (photo below) performed a concert for the students. The band did two concerts, one show being during school time. The second was on a Saturday night that was for whoever wanted to come in.



*Like Peter Pan Mrs. Briggs flies at a fall convo.*

*Rod Hughes, better known in the play as Frank Butler, shoots it out against the outspoken Annie Oakley.*



# Singers were "Doin' What Comes Naturally"

*Annie Get Your Gun* was the 1991 musical hit at RCHS and a very entertaining show. The show debuted on April 16.

The two acts show started out in a hotel on the outskirts of Cincinnati, Ohio. Here Annie Oakley (Kerri Louck), a ruff and tough shooting woman, meets the man of her dreams, Frank Butler, and falls head over heels in love. Frank, the

headliner for Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, is a captivating man who at first finds no interest in Annie, but later asks her to marry him. Their romance doesn't last long when Annie proves to Frank that she is a better shot.

Frank runs off leaving Annie and her three little sisters and a brother (played by Christa Wortley, Kim Crouse, Colleen Mathew, and David Groppe respective-

ly.) But all ends well with Annie swallowing her ego and letting him win the shooting contest. Everything turns out alright and the show ends with the whole cast singing "They Say It's Wonderful." The whole audience realizes "There's No Business Like Show Business" after *Annie*...



*Sitting Bull, played by Patrick Shattrow, and his Indian tribe induct Annie Oakley as an honorary member.*

*Annie Oakley, accompanied by Sitting Bull, shows off her medals to the debutantes in the ballroom at the Hotel Brevoort.*

# FLORIDA



*Mr. David Day, Mr. Doug McKinley, and Mr. Jim Marchand "audition" for their big break while in Florida (top photo.) Rod Hughes and Kerri Louck sing "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better" in a Disney World restaurant.*



## Choir Busses to a Florida Performance

The Rensselaer Central choir made the long pilgrimage to Walt Disney World where they performed on stage for vacationers.

Director Doug McKinley said, "We were invited after the special performances people reviewed our audition tape." During the winter the choir sent

the tape, and after receiving word that they were going to Florida, members of the singers and the parents' booster group hastily gathered the funds necessary to keep the cost reasonable.

Other stops in the Sunshine state included a day at the beach, fun at Wet and Wild, tours of NASA, and various ac-

tivities at Old Town in Orlando.

On return, Mr. McKinley, though looking tired after the long bus ride, said that he would go again. "Everybody was just great and we couldn't have asked for a better time and group to go."



*The touching Bette Midler song "From a Distance" is performed by Shannon Barton, Kim Croun, and Kerri Louck.*



*Mike Williamson runs across the set of "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" at the MGM theme section in Disney World.*

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Prom Court 1991: Shannon Baunach, Kim Williams, Kori Pflederer, Heather Baker, Troy Rule, Walter Stanley, and Chris Hodnett.

King Clint Swan

Queen Christy Mathew

Heather Baker and Jacob Chapman pose for the camera.



# A Night To Remember

"This year's prom was a big success," said senior Gina Leichy. Most students agreed that "A Night to Remember" certainly lived up to its name.

The Halleck Center ballroom at St Joe was elegantly decorated by in purple, black, and gold by members of the junior class. John Urbano removed his art skills from the classroom where he airbrushed designs of various masks on the walls.

New World was the four man band who performed and kept the students on their toes all night. At about 10:30 p.m. the nine candidates for prom king and queen were brought forward where Clint Swan and Christy Mathew were crowned as the night's royalty.

At the end of the dance, champagne style glasses and mugs were given out. The Lions Club sponsored a breakfast at

Curtis Creek Country Club.

Nicole Risner felt that this was a fitting last party with the seniors and that they had a good time.



*Pat Schuttrow, Kelly Steinke, Jennifer Effinger, and her date take a breather at prom.*



*Dancing on the floor or with the band, Chris Phegley, Walter Stanley, Chaz Robinson, and Cory Watt cut an effective rug.*

# GRADUATION



*Upon retiring from teaching at RCHS, Mrs. Cappuccilli accepts a diploma from Mr. Day along with the rest of the class of 1991.*

## A Time To Leave RCHS

The 1991 graduating class of Rensselaer Central High School made its final bow and clocked out on June 2. After a year filled with many weather-related delays and events of high emotional levels (primarily basketball and the Gulf War,) the usual eternity that seems to be on hold until commencement, lasted even longer.

The familiar group of senior themes

were read, as were the salutatorian and valedictorian statements. Shannon Baunach presented the first of the top ranking speeches and taking top honors for the class was Julie Koebeke. Just the day earlier, Julie took first place in state competition in discus.

Added to the day was a special speech by Clint Swan, the recent basketball star who was moved and moved the audience

with his message about the friendliness and acceptance he felt at RCHS. Another special moment was when Mrs. Cappuccilli, on her final appearance as teacher at the high school, was given a diploma. The cycle was complete as the times for every season were represented by a variety of transitions being made at graduation 1991.



*Kori Pfledderer holds her rose and parchment as she exits graduation with Todd Overton right behind.*

*Julie Koebeke delivers her valedictorian address.*



# ACADEMICS

## Requirements for Knowledge

What does it take to be a good student? Sometimes it seems like the school is looking for students with a combination of brains like Einstein and brawn like Stallone—usually more of the latter.

At times it seems that high school circulates around sports and extra curricular activities. The calendar is filled with after school activities and games. It's easy to get caught up in all of the "fun stuff" and forget why students are really (or supposed to be) here. In order to include this primary aspect of school, the yearbook staff decided to add a new section to the 1990-1991 Chaos: the Academics section.

In this section, the staff hoped to represent some of the elective classes offered at the high school. The section includes foreign language, vocations, art, band, building

trades, and choir classes. It also includes the health occupations, communications, and social studies classes.

What's more important though is that not only will you become more familiar with some of the extra classes offered at RCHS, but also the students and faculty who participate in them as well. Even though Rensselaer may be considered a small school and community, often you may not know many of the students who are involved in different activities. The academic section may help you at least learn their faces.

It is often difficult to photograph and report on all classes at the high school, but when the time comes for the students to utilize what they have learned, it is hoped that they recall learning experiences through photographic memory and apply them as appropriate.





Senior Brian Arnold works intently on some homework in the library on the computer.

# Temps, Tiempo, Tempus

## What Doesn't Fly at RCHS?

During the 1990-91 school year, foreign languages became a more important part of speaking and learning, while it offered students a variety of courses for post graduate work. RCHS offered four years of different foreign language classes: French, Latin, and Spanish.

Many students were interested in the language of love, French. RCHS offered four years of this language, which was taught by Mrs. Maureen Jungblut. The French class listened to tapes of French dialogue, practiced speaking the language, and learned about the culture of the country during the hour. A class that was taken to help learn the origin of the English language and to form a basis for understanding other foreign languages is Latin. In this class, classical grammar was analyzed with the assistance of Mrs. Jane Swartzell. Spanish 2, 3, and 4 were all taught by Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli, while Mrs. Jan Benner took the students through their first year.

Regardless of the country studied, RCHS students' English skills were strengthened as a result of learning a foreign language.

*Christy Matbew helps elementary students learn a language.*





*In the far left photo, Belgian exchange student Fred Salm is helped by Mrs. Cappuccilli.*

*A.J. Wortley writes down a few Spanish words for first graders.*

*Spanish Coca-Cola shirts are modeled in Mrs. Benner's class: (from the back, left to right) Jay Prouty, Amanda Douglas, Joe Snyder, Steve Rudd, Cindy Lane and Robin Joseph; Tyann Kiger, Eddie Cain, Mike Allison, Kim Kronen, Heather Rafferty, Kim DeWet, and Valerie Marlatt; and Patti Nagel, Kris Klimas, Kevin Arnold, and Shady Haskell.*



*Carla Sizmore, Anna Kanne, Courtney Stewart, Angie Beaver, and Heather Ulm in Mrs. Jungblut's French class discuss some homework. Mrs. Benner helps freshman Anne Jordan with first year Spanish.*

# Vocational Classes Change With The Times

A large portion of the students at Rensselaer were involved in one of the many classes offered in the vocational program. Besides offering students an academic curriculum, vocational classes are offered in a variety of trades that interest them.

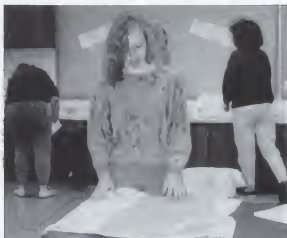
Taught by Mr. Bruce Allen in one or two hour blocks, auto mechanics helped both male and female students learn the basics of car mechanics. The school has its own garage where students worked on cars in need of repair donated by the community, faculty, and student body.

The home economics department had a variety of courses including housing, child development, foods, clothing, family living, and consumer education. All of these classes were taught by Ms. Alice Smith.

Mr. Tom Peters taught drafting, woods, and metals. One class in this department is an advanced drafting class where the students created computerized floor plans for houses.

With all of these options it seemed that students could always find a vocational class that involved in doing something they enjoyed and took away from the stress of every day school work.





*Top middle picture shows Dave Dewey working the auto mechanics class. Below that Tara Putt threads her sewing machine. Directly left Sara Kingman lays out a pattern in clothing class.*

*In the top photo Chris Hodnett and Tom Van Wienen work with Mr. Peters in drafting class. Below Julie Miller and Alison Malone, members of the child development class, work at the elementary school.*

## Quiet Times Are Found in Art Class

*Somebody likes mud.*



*Wade Tillott and Greg Potts carefully work in acrylics.*







*One gratifying time for art students is when they display their work in the halls of RCHS.*



# Taking Notes

The 1990-1991 Bomber Brigade started off on the right foot (actually left.) They began their season in July when they had band camp where they learned their drills, music, and guard work. They were greeted by a new band director and many exciting changes. The band members voiced pleasing opinions about Mr. Glenn Northern and his revelations. Amanda Plant commented, "Mr. Northern provided a really good example. He was an excellent leader and built the band by his confidence in us." Amanda explained some of the additions in the band: some were the brass choir and woodwind choir.

Another change in the band was the introduction of the band council. The council presented their opinions on music selection, band camp, and recreational activities to the director. This helped the band become more organized and accustomed to the band changes.

The band participated in a spring concert for the elementary students. They played popular tunes and explained the different instruments to the elementary students. Gina Leichy commented, "It was so fun. They were the most enthusiastic and interesting audience we have had so far." Gina was part of the jazz band that also performed for the students.

The members of the band worked hard and made leaps and bounds to become talented musicians. Their upward attitudes and pride toward the Rensselaer School system have kept them at the top of the ladder in the areas of sportsmanship and courtesy.



*Amanda Rodeffer plays her saxophone during a jazz band practice.*

*Don Meimer begins a row of pep band trumpets.*

## Time for a Tune



*Mr. Northern conducts an early morning rehearsal with the jazz band.*



*Don Meiner begins a row of pep band trumpets.  
The Concert Band: (back row) David Groppe, Mike Kasby, Omar Villalart, Julie Miller, Norman Howell, Scott Jackson, Gretchen Nagel, Mike Ringen, and Peter Schenk; (middle row) Miranda Carin, Kara Patt, Jenny List, Tony Spataro, Chris Northcutt, Don Meiner, Gretchen Schenk, Amanda Plant, Amanda Rodeffer, Cindy Lane, Kate Kanne, Ryan Muenier, and Erica Murray; (third row) Mike Schrum, Molly Stowers, Patrick Schutrow, Wendy Eaton, Nath Jones, Kelly Steinke, Jennifer Effinger, Mindy Sabr, Brandee Cook, Malinda Klaus, and Mistie Craftin.*

*The Bomber Brigade entertains at a home football game.*

# Bomber Builders Developing a Trades for the Future

Constructing a house may be the greatest responsibility a group of teenagers may face in high school, but the morning and afternoon building trades classes completed the task, literally, from the ground up.

During the three hour class the students learned skills in carpentry, construction, and electrical installation. Curt Mingear instructed the juniors and seniors, rain or shine and faced a tough schedule, especially during the 1990-91 school year which was plagued by a variety of weather conditions. Located in Swartzell sub-division, the finished product was ready for the May open house.



*Top center picture are members of the building trades class observing Scott Sayers. The morning building trades class: Jess Chambers, Bill Knouff, Scott Hale, Brian Arnold, Mike Lazzader, and Kevin Kellner. To the right building trades students work on the roof.*



*The building trades students  
hard at work framing in the  
fall.*

*Rob Smith does some roof  
work.*

*The afternoon building  
trades class: (first row)  
Ronny Floyd, Christina  
Harrington, Anna Joseph,  
Aaron Gluth; and (second  
row) Rob Smith, Tracy  
Smith, Bill Souza, Joe  
Garcia, and Allen Linback.*





## Singers Vocalize in Varied Locales

The RCHS singers were extremely active during the school year and in the summer of 1991.

The choirs performed a variety of musical numbers in the fall. Beginning with the Little Cousin Jasper Festival, singers sang and danced popular tunes. At Christmas, the Concert Choir and Girls Choir performed with the RCMS choirs at the St. Joseph College Chapel.

The new year saw an increase in song activity. The Show Choir and Girls Show Choir went to Show Choir Contest and both received seconds. Later that month the Concert Choir performed in the auditorium at a Candlelight Vigil, honoring the troops who were fighting in the Persian Gulf. Spring found the Concert Choir and Girls Choir performing at contest where they both received second places. May 19 was the occasion for the Art Festival where the singers performed a salute to Disney music. Graduation was the final performance of the year.

On June 4th the choir left for their trip to Florida where they performed at Magic Kingdom. Many fundraisers for trip included running a Rent-a-Kid ad in the newspaper, carolling at McDonald's and Indiana Federal, running a concession stand at basketball games, and holding candy sales. The students were very excited about the trip; Mr. McKinley added, "I can't wait! I'm truly looking forward to it."







*Show Choir members: (bottom row) Jan Magnussen, Shannon Barton, Miranda Curin, Valerie Burdick, Wendy Eaton, and Molly Stowers; (second row) Malia Hale, Colleen Mathews, Kim Croust, Erica Murray, Oralia Longoria, Tammy Dale, and Ryan Brown; and (third row) Tyann Kiger, Kim Tillotta, Greg Gesa, Mr. Doug McKinley, Don Misner, Dan Black and Tim Sayers.*

*Natalee George and Jan Magnussen sing their hearts out at a performance.*

*The choir in full pose, ready to sing.*



*To the left: (front row) Lynn Hugh, LaVon Chadwick, Valerie Burdick, Courtney Waling, Christa Wartley, Tyann Kiger, Kim Tillotta, and Kim Croust; (back row) Kerri Lowck, Ashley Shreeg, Leslie Kaye, Wendy Eaton, Molly Stowers, Oralia Longoria, and Amy Meyers.*



# HOSA Prepares Medical Workers

HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) is a program that gives students insight into what it is like to work in a health-care setting. It consists of a semester of classroom study, which teaches basic skills of nursing, and a semester of on-the-job experience. During the second semester the students visit several areas of the health care field such as the dentist office, a veterinary clinic, the public health office, and many stations in the hospital.

The class that met during the 1990-91 school year consisted of six girls, who were able to become certified nurse's aides after they successfully completed the program. The group has numerous responsibilities in health care to prepare the girls for additional schooling. One relatively new program was spending 105 hours of service at the care center.

## The Officers for the Course

President	Heidi Eldridge
Vice President	Julie Lakin
Treasurer	Rhonda Robinson
Secretary	Cheryl Burdick



*Above Heidi Eldridge and Mrs. Luetta Nussbaum adjust the bath water for the care center residents.*

*On the right HOSA members from left to right: Charity Hilton, Charlene (Lyons) Stone, Marcella Rimer, Julie Lakin, Heidi Eldridge, Cheryl Burdick, and Jenny Steinhemp.*





Above Julie Lehm does her dirty work: *Caring for the residents.*

To the left Cheryl Jordan demonstrates how to use the respirator dance.

# A Piece of Time

The 1990-91 communications class (newspaper and yearbook staffs) have worked hard during 1990-91 in effort to give students a record of times at RCHS. The class mainly deals with the production of the two publications.

The newly named school newspaper, *The Target*, had complications during the school year, although it was able to publish in the spring. One issue was the infamous the senior will edition where seniors share memories with fellow students.

The yearbook staff had a fund raiser at Little Cousin Jasper early in the year. They set up a nacho booth and sold some old yearbooks. Also taking place this year was a journalism convention in Indianapolis. Many journalism students from around the United States attended, including five students from Rensselaer. At the convention they were able to attend a variety of classes where they learned a lot about current journalism trends and problems posing staffs.

The *Chaos* staff tried to catch a few special moments and events that go on throughout the school year, in order that the students have a book that records many of their high school memories.



Travis Davis and Mary Hall look over the Hyatt Regency from its balcony at the journalism convention in Indianapolis.

Courtney Stewart and other members of the newspaper staff discuss an upcoming issue around the podium.



*Jill Smith and Travis Davis sell nachos to Will Oates at the Little Cousin Jasper Festival.*

*The newspaper staff: (front row) Mr. Oates and Jerry Chernowski; and (back row) Courtney Stewart, Jill Smith, and Oralia Longoria.*



*The yearbook staff (first row) Charlene Jefferson, Deana Dewert, and Mary Hall; (second row) Jenny Bean, Melinda Klaus, and Kristen Hyvonen; and (third row) Melanie Callaban, Angie Dill, Janet Shuster, Gina Leichy, Jennifer Patti, and Courtney Stewart; and (fourth row) Chuck Murphy, Travis Davis, Dan Gehring, Jerry Chernowski, and Mr. Oates.*

*Gina Leichy and Jennifer Patti working hard in communications class.*



# Time to Make History

Rensselaer Central High's history department has "made history in various ways." The American studies class, the combined class of college prep U.S. history and college prep English, taught by Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Stefanich, had their part in history by recreating historical events. One of the many things they did was to make their own skits of the lives of slaves and of soldiers from the 1860's. The class also participated in debates about slavery. One of the big topics was about the 1991 war in the Middle East, and the class learned about the people, and their customs so they would know more about them.

The government classes, taught by Mr. McKim, were active with their annual mock congress. The seniors got together and acted out a day in the life of a congressman. They talked about bills and either denied or passed them. Some that were discussed included Welfare Reform, A National Health Plan, Installation of Contraceptive Dispensers in High Schools, Environmental Recycling, Increasing Gun Control, and Mandatory Drug Testing in all Government Funded Public Schools.

One class offered to the sophomores was world history, taught by Mr. Stefanich. This class was different because the students learned about the customs of people all over the world. In world history, the students got a chance to show what they knew by building replicas of famous things, such as the Trojan horse and the pyramids of Egypt.

*Terri Herre, Dawn Woodke, Brandon Keiper, and Amanda Plant act out a campfire scene from the Civil War in American Studies class. Mr. McKim, Lyle Freeman, A.J. Wortley, and Greg Potts discuss a bill that is to come before Mock Congress. Michele Sargent, Kim Pierson, and Gina Dowty take notes for Mock Congress.*







Mr. Potter's "famous" U.S. history class had much to offer junior history students. One of the fun projects Mr. Potter's class experienced was picking out important scenes from history and acting them out. They chose a variety of historical events to enact such as Paul Revere's famous ride, scenes from slavery, scenes from the battle grounds during the Civil War, and many others. The class also reenacted famous persons in history like Walt Disney, Janis Joplin, Helen Keller, and Emily Dickinson along with others.

Mr. Hainje's civics/careers course taught freshman students many things about our government and the constitution. Students also learned how to fill out job applications, make up resumes, and how to get through interviews. In the career part of the class, the students were able to choose careers that interested them and did research reports on those careers so they would see what was involved for that job.

All of the fun activities along with the interesting topics and careers studied in the history department helped the students learn to appreciate history ever more. Throughout the year, the RCHS history department allowed students to "make history" by learning how to become good, historically educated citizens.

*An annual spring ritual at RCHS, the government class's Mock Congress listens to a bill being discussed.*



*Mr. Hainje's careers class studies quietly.*

*Terry Luttrell discusses a bill in Mock Congress.*

# ORGANIZATIONS

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Whether it was cheering for the student body or farming with FFA, RCHS students spent many hours enjoying the variety of organizations offered at school. The various groups included the service organizations, academic clubs, and groups that entertained and inspired the students. Many of these organizations extended the classroom hours to extra-curricular activities, often culminating in competitions on the state and national levels.

Two of perhaps the most important organizations that helped encourage school spirit and provided entertainment for the school and community were the cheerleaders and the Bomberettes. The cheerleaders worked diligently throughout the year supporting the sports teams and spreading school spirit within the student body. The Bomberettes entertained the students with dance routines with half

time shows to catchy band tunes. More entertainment came from the Movie Critics Club, which spent many hours watching old movies.

An organization which has existed at RCHS for many years and has been consistently very successful is FFA, and 1991 was no exception. Other than judging soil and animals, future farmers hosted the annual petting zoo where members brought in livestock for the rest of the students (young and old) to pet and observe.

With so many clubs and organizations at RCHS and so many activities, it was impossible to get all of the things finished during normal school hours. Many of the students put in extra hours after school working on club projects and helping with activities, such as those volunteered to get this yearbook finished. The time after school time all paid off in the end and helped make life at RCHS a little more exciting.



*Interact members, A.J. Wortley and Leanne Hickman discuss ideas for the local project the club sponsors each year. Interact purchased flowering trees to be planted behind the school to better the environment and beautify the school grounds.*



*Sigma Di Gamma: (row one) Janet Shuster, Christy Mathew, Nicole Sykes, Kim Steinke, Steph Kronen, Heidi Eldridge, Shannon Bawnach, Heather Baker, Kelly Mitchell, Sarah Hansen, Marna Spicer, and Patty Nagel; (row two) Amanda Douglas, Liz Steiner, Courtney Roberts, Anne Jordan, Kate Kanne, Ashley Schrege, Courtney Stewart, Anne Kanne, Misty Crapsrey, Stacy Daniels, Teresa Gutwein, Kerri Louck, Angie Fenwick, and Tara Pitt; and (row three) Shawn Hensler, Kim Kronen, Angie Tiede, Heather Ulm, Carla Sizemore, Jill Smith, Oralia Longoria, Heather Steffan, Tonya Nagel, Anne Craig, Cindy Fenton, Dezi Klopp, Peter Schenk and Mike Ringen.*

*Interact: (row one) Amanda Rodeffer, Amanda Plant, Gretchen Schenk, Dawn Woodke, Nath Jones, Marna Spicer, Patty Nagel, and Erica Murray; and (row two) Kori Pflederer, Steph Kronen, Kim Steinke, Gina Leichty, Nicole Sykes, Leanne Hickman, Greg Potts, A.J. Wortley, Kris Hyonen; and (row three) Lana Williams, Jeani Webb, Shawn Hensler, Cindy Lane, Liz Steiner, Donna Lata, Leilie Kays, Jeff Rayburn, Heather Steffen, Anne Craig, Courtney Stewart, Mindy Subr, Fred Salm, Jared Hancock and Mr. Stefanich.*





## Sigma Di and Interact Get in Touch with Faraway Places

**S**igma Di Gamma, the foreign language club, was busy as usual last year. Their most recognized activity was the annual Mardi Gras where four countries (France, Italy, Mexico and Belgium) were represented. Belgium was one of the countries because that is the home of our foreign exchange student. Mardi Gras is an event where the members gather information about their assigned countries and display it to the public, along with information about the countries' cultures and heritages. The main event is the tasting of different kinds of foods which are spread out at the various tables to challenge everyone's tastebuds. Foods varied from spicy to sweet and mild.

Another active club was Interact which was sponsored by Mr. Stefanich. Last year this service club sent medical supplies and clothes with Sister Donna (of St. Joseph's College) when she went to Haiti to help some of the poor people. When she arrived back in Rensselaer, she returned her thanks to the club members by talking with the group about her adventures and learning experiences. Interact also planted trees last year in order to help clean up our environment and promote a cleaner world and safer planet.



*Brian Wicks calls a basketball game as he sees it.  
Media assistants: (back row) Brian Wicks, Jason Stowers, and Dan Black and (front row) Greg Allison, Greg Hoyes, and Tim Sayers.*



*Beth Hornbeck helps  
Mrs. Risner out with  
some typing in the office.*







## Student Assistants Help RCHS Function

**S**tudent assistants, whether working in the library, the office, or at school functions, played an important role helping to keep vital RCHS activities rolling.

The library assistants' job was to keep books, magazines, and newspapers in their proper places, as well as to help students find the materials they needed in the media center. Some media center workers left the center of the building to do the play-by-play for sports events and assist in technical work at the spring musical.

Office assistants played a big role by answering phones, helping with some of the typing and by collecting attendance slips each morning. Often, when activities in the office became harried, senior leaders, such as Heather Groom, Shannon Baunach, Sarah Hansen, Melody Sizemore, or Robin Joseph, gave the secretaries a break.

The Bomber Alert Corps helped the school by showing guests and newcomers where they could find elusive classrooms. It was their job to help incoming freshmen with orientation at the beginning of the school year. For those thinking about life after RCHS, B.A.C. passed out pamphlets during the college fair.

*Tim Sayers and Greg Hoyas put magazines in order.*

*Office Assistants: (back row) Heather Groom, Leanne Hickman, Anne Craig, Jeanni Webb, Kim Steinke, Heidi Eldrige, Nicole Sykes, and Juli Lakin and (front row) Lynn Potter, Heather Baker, Shannon Baunach, Steph Kronen, Kelly Mitchell, and Jo White.*



*Surprised varsity cheerleaders hold onto the spirit hoop for the basketball starters.*

*The cheerleaders strike a Bomber tableau at the end of the school fight song.*



*JV cheerleaders (from left to right): Teresa Gutwein, Jan Magnusen, Kim Crouse, Natalie George, and Desi Klopp.*



*Freshman cheerleaders: Crystal Hall, Angie Dill, Regina Buczek, Crista Wortley, and Courtney Waling.*



# Cheerleaders Function Like Clockwork

**L**Leading the student body in cheers, dressing in school colors, and keeping student morale red and black kept the cheerleading squads busy throughout the year. The cheerleaders helped pump up the school spirit with pep sessions, support banners, and cheers. They entertained the crowd with new dances and cheers that they learned at cheerleading camps. Their overall effort helped make Bomber Country a more enjoyable place to live. Though their job was full of challenges and long hours of tedious work, the cheerleaders always had a smile on their faces and tried to get the students of RCHS to do the same.

Often it seemed a very difficult task for the cheerleaders to keep the spirits of the students running high. It took hours of work and dedication. One important task for the cheerleaders was rallying the students for the sectional football and basketball games. In order to help invigorate the students and faculty, the cheerleaders set spirit days and organized skits at the pep session before football sectional. Some of the spirit days were red and black day, hat and shades day, sweatshirt day, red white and blue day, shorts day and college sweatshirt day. These helped both the players and fans get fired up and ready for a victory.

One thrilling moment both for the basketball team and the cheerleaders was the chance to cheer at the 1991 regional and semi-state basketball games. The Bombers great basketball season could be partly attributed to the cheerleaders' diligence and continual support not only in the final games but throughout the year. Before the sectional games the cheerleaders encouraged the fans to paint their faces and wear red and black. They also covered the hallways with banners and decorated lockers for the members of the basketball team. When the students arrived at school they found the windows decorated in bright colors with messages promising victory. Even in the store windows of the local merchants, the handiwork of the cheerleaders was evident. They spent many endless hours painting encouraging messages about the town and later spent many more hours scraping all of their efforts away. The cheerleaders' spirit electrified the student body and helped the students be a more spirited crowd at these sectional games and throughout the year. It can definitely be said that the all of the hard work paid off.

To ready themselves for the sports season, the cheerleaders prepared before the school year began. The entire squad went to camp, where the varsity, JV, and freshmen finished in the top five, with the varsity and the JV girls carrying home the first place trophy.



*Kris Hyonen and Dawn Woodke twirl flags at a football halftime show.*

*Rock star Madonna provides the music for Tyann Kiger, Kim Kronen, and Mistie Craggie.*



*Jenny List dances the Hanky Panky during halftime at a varsity basketball game.*

*More Hanky Panky is displayed chorus line fashion.*





## Elite Command Marks Time

**F**ive girls loaded onto a yellow school bus on an arid summer day: members of the Bomberettes/ Elite Command were off on their three hour ride to Champaign, Illinois to learn the basics of flag, rifle, and dance.

The girls learned not only how to perfect their routines, but also new routines to modern songs. Performing these routines in groups, the girls were judged on poise, confidence and cleanliness of work and received ribbons for their participation depending on their scores.

An important part of being in the RCHS color guard was marching season, which began in July with band camp. The groups worked most days from 8 to 5 on their shows. Guard instructor John List taught the girls their routines, drilled them for preciseness and taught them the basics of showmanship.

The guard helped raise the spirit of the Bomber fans by performing dances during basketball halftime. Shawn Hensler remarked, "I enjoyed making up our own routines and doing things with the other Bomberettes." One of the favorite dances of the Bomberettes was the one to C&C Music Factory's "Gonna Make You Sweat." Kim Kronen, a sophomore member of the guard, wrote and taught the dance which included modern dance moves from such famous pop musicians as MC Hammer, Vanilla Ice, and C&C Music Factory.

The Bomberette's season closed with a patriotic song for the troops in the Gulf War during a basketball game. The song included flag and rifle, and winter guard style. They wore yellow ribbons on their uniforms to remind the audience of the men and women in the Middle East.

*Dawn Woodke and Jenny Litt perform stand routines during a basketball game.*



BOMBER





*Drama club members Erica Murray, Norm Howell, Jenny Conley, Tim Sayers, and Dan Black talk with sponsor Mr. Doug McKinley.*

*Being able to critique movies means finding reviews, as is being done by Pat Schuttrow, Norm Howell, and Jenny Conley.*



*The movie critics club: (first row) Mr. Oates, Scott Jackson, Jennifer Elfinger, Nath Jones, Lisa Subr, Julie Miller; and (front row) Pat Schuttrow, Jill Smith, Jenny Conley, Erica Murray, Kelly Steinke.*

*The drama club: (front row) Erica Murray, Robin Blare, Gina Leichty, Nath Jones; (middle row) Pat Schuttrow, Norm Howell, Jenny Conley, Priscilla Strange; and (back row) Ryan Brown, Tim Sayers, Tammy Dale, Oralia Longoria, and Cindy Lane.*







## It's Showtime

Whether it was the stage lights or the lights of the big screen, both the movie critics club and the drama club had acting on their minds.

The critics club was a group of RCHS students who viewed and critiqued classic films. The club was relatively new and was sponsored by Mr. Oates for two years. The students got together in homes where they viewed movies rarely watched by people of their own age group. Patrick Schuttrow, *Gone with the Wind* buff, was the group's president and was primarily responsible for the creation of the club.

Another group of students who were also interested in the performing arts was the drama club. Although this organization has been around for quite a while at RCHS, they haven't had the opportunity to be very active. Due to many scheduling difficulties, the drama club was not able to put on any performances. Because of the great number of sports teams needing space to practice, the auditorium was in use throughout the whole year. Despite this conflict the club helped supervise and assist with the middle school musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Three students, Priscilla Strange, Gina Leichty, and Tim Sayers, were involved with this performance. Priscilla directed the first act, Tim directed the second act, and Gina directed and accompanied the music.

### Ryan Brown and Tim Sayers

*Both of these clubs have tried to remain active and have a strong following of students who are interested in these areas. Even though the Rensselaer School Corporation is not known for its dramatic arts abilities the students continue to pursue theatrical interests.*





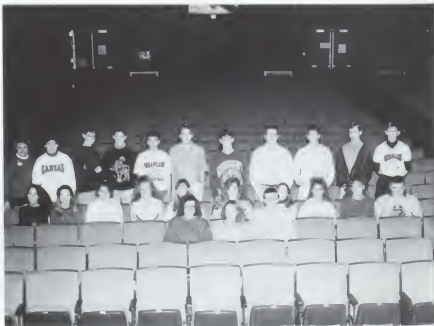
*Heather Groom conducts a student council meeting.*

*Donna Latta leads the freshman stave day parade in front of the student body on "Senior Pride Day"*



David Groppe gives his opinion on a hot topic at a student council meeting.

*Student council: (front row) Andrea Anderson, secretary; Heather Groom, president; and Roderick Hughes, vice president; (second row) Teresa Gutwein, Courtney Reagan, Heather Baker, Christy Mathew, Johanna White, Lynn Hahn, Nath Jones, Mandy Alton, Leah Carroll, and Andy Gemula; and (back row) Mrs. Dori Hancock, faculty advisor; Mindy Sahr, David Grogge, Jared Hancock, Sean McKim, Ryan Brown, John Wernke, Blake Carter, Walter Stanley, A.J. Wortley and Jacob Chapman.*



## Bomber Legislators Work for the Students

**S**tudent Council, one of the most active organizations at RCHS continued their tradition of fun activities for the student body during the school year. The first semester brought many challenges to the Council. September found council members volunteering their time at the Little Cousin Jasper Festival. During Homecoming, the Student Council conducted queen elections and organized the evening parade and bonfire. A popular highlight of Homecoming week was Senior Pride Day where the seniors welcomed the freshmen by enslaving them for a day. A Teacher Appreciation Day was held in November. December saw the second annual MORP dance, "Back in Black," and Christmas decorating around the school.

The new year found Student Council doing new activities. January found them actively engaged in OPERATION RED, WHITE, AND BLUE, a candlelight ceremony and patriotic songs by the band and choir. A select group of junior and senior council members, along with guitarist Mr. John Baumann, provided "singing" valentines on February 14. Student body president, class officers, and Student Council elections were conducted by the group in March. Fun Fest '91, the student council's last project of the year, was unfortunately cancelled.

*Mrs. Betty Briggs flies for the juniors during the Halloween conso.*

*Mrs. Dorie Hancock and the Council officers.*



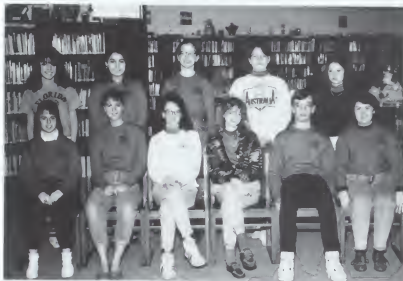
*Jo White registers approval for Erica Murray's punch serving at NHS initiation.*

*National Honor Society: (back row) Rod Hughes, Nicole Sykes, A.J. Wortley, Julie Koebecke, and Scott Mainbrook; and (front row) Kim Steinke, Shannon Baunach, Heather Baker, Johanna White, Christy Mathew, and Erica Murray.*

*Spelling team members: (back row) Angie Tiede, Oralia Longoria, Jill Smith, Cindy Lane, and Heather Ulm; and (front row) Amanda Plant, Gretchen Schenk, Dawn Woodke, Amy McNeil, Peter Schenk, and Erica Murray.*



*Academic team members: (top row) Jared Hancock, Brian Duncan, Oralia Longoria, Cindy Lane, Amy McNeil, Courtney Stewart, Craig Lewis, and Mrs. Kathy Ward; and (bottom row) Amanda Plant, Gretchen Schenk, Dawn Woodke, Jill Smith, Peter Schenk, and Erica Murray.*



*Office lab students Jennifer Ivory, Shannon Barton, Andrea Anderson, and Kim Williams show that not all is serious in the typing room.*





## Students Are Working For Higher Goals

**B**usiness Professionals of America have had an outstanding year, with three of their top leaders, Shannon Barton, Kim Williams and Andrea Anderson, advancing to the 25th annual National Leadership Conference of the Business Professionals of America in Orlando, Florida on April 25-28. Shannon placed second in office assistant, Andrea received thirty-second, and Kim took home the National Ambassador Torch Award for service.

The Academic Team of the 1990-91 year competed in a conference meet on March 14 and at an area competition on April 16 at North Judson.

The team was coached by Mrs. Kathy Ward and assistant coach was Mrs. Maureen Jungblut.

The National Honor Society had their honorary initiation on May 1, 1991. Those honored were Amanda Plant, Brian Duncan, Kelly Jordan, Kerri Louck, Anne Craig, Wade Tiller, Gretchen Schenk, Travis Davis and Amanda Rodeffer.

*Shannon Barton enjoys watching master typist Kim Williams hone her award-winning skills.*





*Hard working science club members enjoy a good time inside the full scale whale that took hours to build: Peter Schenk, David Hammer, Amanda Plant, Gretchen Schenk, Amanda Rodeffer, Wendy Eaton, Molly Stowers.*



*Science club members: (front row, left to right) Chuck Mudd, Kelly Eshelman, Tonja Pelligreno, Peter Schenk, David Hammer, Tammy Dale; (second row) Mrs. Briggs, Cindy Risner, Lisa Harden, Marcella Risner, Norman Howell, Julie Miller, Greg Parker, Brian Rasmussen; and (back row) Wendy Eaton, Mike Schrum, Cindy Lane, Gretchen Schenk, Amanda Rodeffer, Molly Stowers, and Oralia Longoria.*



*Courtney Stewart, Julie Koebcke, Malia Hale, Tyann Kiger, Jenny Luecke (left to right as counter) discuss upcoming activities for BADD. Mark Bilyeu and Mark Meyer listen from the back. The non-"killer" whale appears to have found a taste for its creators: Amanda Plant, Amanda Rodeffer, Gretchen Schenk, Molly Stowers, Wendy Eaton, Peter Schenk, and David Hammer.*

*A meeting in progress finds (left to right) Jenny Luecke, Mrs. Metzger, Shannon Barton, and Kim Crouse observing Teressa Gutwein and Jan Magnussen conducting a BADD.*





## Improving our Time

**M**any clubs in R.C.H.S have been helping to improve our society today. They have been looking out for people and the enviroment.

The science club was very active during the school year with several projects. Local residents called one of the members once a month where the student picked up residents' recyclables in order to help conserve nature. They tried to keep the school and community aware of not being as wasteful as in the past.

A full scale humpbacked whale was constructed and inflated to show elementary school children how large the creature is inside and out. Built of plastic, it was 70ft long and 10ft tall and was inflated by fans. Members of the club spent hours after school piecing together the mammal, until it was ready to be moved to the gym. When inflated, students could walk from the tail to the mouth, as it stretched across the basketball keyhole beyond both out of bound sides.

B.A.D.D stands for Bombers Against Drunk Driving. This chapter is very active in our school. They hope to help their fellow students by urging them not to drink and drive. One of their big activities that took place this past year was the Thursday before Prom. It was designated as "Dead Day." Every twenty-eight minutes a person was taken out of class and had his or her face painted white, wore black, and couldn't speak to anyone for the entire day. This was to show how many people die from drunk driving accidents each day and to open the eyes of prom goers.

These two clubs have done a great in helping the community this year and tried to keep everyone aware of the environment and unhealthy choices in one's life.



# Sunshine

Kelly Mitchell gets ready to enjoy her meal at Daddy Date Night.

In the photo below and to the left, sophomore Sunshine members: (front row, left to right) Mittie Crapsey, Courtney Stewart, Mindy Subr, Becky Craig, Charleen Jefferson, Deana DeWees, Mary Hull, Heather Scherb, Sarah Waples, Bobbi Sipkema, Anne Kanne; (second row) Patty Nagel, Jill Smith, Marna Spicer, Stacey Daniels, Miriam Hansen, Natalie George, Jan Magnusen, Teresa Gutwein, Kim Crouse, Heather Stalbaum, Carolanne Sipkema, Gabrielle Spence; and (third row) Mrs. Jane Swartzell, Jenny Bean, Angie Tiede, Heather Ulm, Carla Sizemore, Chris Klimas, Stephanie Filson, Kim DeWees, Misty Beaver, Julie Dene, Misty Falkenburg, Denae Schultz, Julie Luck, Malia Hale, Kim Kronen, and Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli.

Below to the right, junior Sunshine members: (front row) Cindy Fitzbarn, Jenny List, Kerri Louck, Tonya Nagel, Chastidy Yeoman, Misty Lanoue, Mandy Olson, Erica Webb, Nicole Rimer, Leah Carroll; (second row) Amanda Plant, Alison Malone, Kristen Hyonen, Anne Craig, Heather Steffen, Carmela Whited, Shellee Dobson, Kelly Jordan, Tara Pust, Angie Fenwick, Kellie Doodin, Kari Schrum, Alicia Staddon; and (third row) Mrs. Jane Swartzell, Desi Klopp, Cyndi Fenton, Carla Oliver, Oralia Longoria, Tammy Dale, Madonna Cook, Dawn Woodke, Charity Hilton, Marcella Rimer, Cindy Lane, and Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli.



Freshman members: are above (front row from left to right): (first row) Kristy Donnelly, Courtney Roberts, Elizabeth Steiner, Amanda Douglas, Anne Jordan, Tyann Kiger, Kim Tillotta, Donna Latta, Colleen Knoeff; (second row) Jennifer Luecke, Heather Rafferty, Tanya Allie, Angela Dill, Nathalie Jones, Jamie Wilmington, Kate Kanne, Lisa Subr, Crystal Hall, Misty Garcia, Heather Kellner; (third row) Susan Platt, Heaven Wagner, Jenny Brunton, Stacey Manni, Christa Worley, Courtney Walting, Melanie Callahan, Molly Stewers, Wendy Easton, Valerie Marlatt, Jodie Stalbandtke, LaVon Chadwick; and (fourth row) Mrs. Jane Swartzell, Valerie Burdick, Kara Patti, Brandee Cook, Heather Donnelly, Lynn Hahn, Regina Burzek, Leslie Kays, Aubley Schweg, Cindy Rimer, Lisa Harden, Kristy Ehlmann, Amy Myers, and Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli.

To the right are the senior Sunshine members (front row, left to right): Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli, Christy Mathew, Shannon Bannach, Kelly Mitchell, Andrea Anderson, Misti Mezman, Juli Lakin, Heather Groom, Heidi Eldridge, Lana Williams, Nicole Sykes, Joani Webb, Lynn Potter, Mrs. Jane Swartzell; (second row) Heather Baker, Sarah Hansen, Julie Koebcke, Shannon Barton, Kori Phledderer, Kim Steinke, Steph Kronen, Delandra Long, Katrina Cole, Robin Joseph, Michele Sargent; and (third row) Miranda Curin, Kelly Steinke, Shawn Hensler, Erica Murray, Gretchen Nagal, Jennifer Effinger, Cheryl Burdick, Julie Miller, Kim Pierson, Priscilla Strange, and Johanna White.





## Sunshine Engages in Year Round Activities

**S**unshine Society 1991 at RCHS has been credited as the largest in Indiana and was as active as usual. Along with their regular activities, which include Daddy Date Night, Mother's Tea, Ideal Lady Night, Senior Party, Sunshine Dance, Faculty Breakfast, and their fund-raising activities which were candy and gift item sales, Sunshine had some very special activities.

Last year the organization gave \$1600.00 to the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. They also wrote letters to former students of RCHS who were serving in the Persian Gulf. The Sunshine members also helped needy families in Rensselaer, and they helped with kindergarten testing.

The 1990-91 Sunshine Society Officers were as follows:

President	Shannon Baunach
Vice-Presidents	Lynn Potter
	Johanna White
Treasurer	Kelly Mitchell
Recording Secretary	Julie Lakin
Historians	Nicole Sykes
	Heidi Eldridge

*Below Brandee Cook, Heaven Wagner, and Charity Hilton examine their prizes won for selling the most candy and gift items while Mrs. Jane Swartzell and Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli observe.*



*Christina Harrington, Heidi Kellner, and Denae Schultz help fix a trailer. Christina Harrington eagerly watches the harvesting of the FFA test plot.*



*The Rensselaer FFA chapter: (top row) Craig Smart, Ivan Steinke, Mike Masinbrook, David Kellner, Adam Nagel, Walter Stanley, Mark Hurley, Curt Hannon, Eric VanMeter, Harold Norris; (second row) Brian Wicki, Heath Arndt, Jerry Chernousky, Brian Arnold, Chris Waling, Scott Maienbrook, Wade Schultz, Jeff Hitchings, Brian Zacher; and (front row) Brian Gattisnau, Darrin Stone, Brad Koblhagen, Patty Nagel, Courtney Waling, Regina Buczek, Chad Healey, Kelly Jordan, Shawn Heniler, Melinda Klans, Jeff Molenaar, and Mr. Wamsley. Dave Hickman and Terry Laitrell work under the*

*run on a leisure harvest day.*





## FFA — Challenging the Future

**F**FA got off to a rambling start, with one of their busiest times of the year being FFA Week. During the week they had a tractor drive, a faculty judging contest, and a young McDonald's farm. They also prepared a delicious breakfast for the faculty. With the help of the kitchen workers, the whole FFA participated in serving and cooking the meal for the faculty. This breakfast was an incentive for the students to thank their teachers for the support.

One very important accomplishment for the FFA and their adviser Mr. Wamsley was the state livestock judging contest. The Rensselaer FFA chapter placed first in the state livestock judging with the team of Chris Waling, Kelly Jordan, Chris Harrington, and Toby Jordan. The livestock teams made tremendous strides in improving their oral reasons and evaluation of the animals. These animals judged are cattle, sheep, and swine. The students evaluate the animals and place them in order according to their merits. The students must also give oral reasons on the animals' qualities.

Another important part of FFA is the SOE's and leadership contests. SOE's are Supervised Occupational Experience. These projects represent a variety of fields. The adviser helps the student set up a business by creating a series of business questions. The students then fill out forms, not unlike tax forms, and are judged on their profits and assets.

FFA has challenged the future. Rensselaer's chapter has represented our community well this past year. They have outstanding talent and have proven this. A new horizon is at hand and FFA is leading the way.





# SPORTS

## Athletics Take Dedication

Athletics at RCHS represents a large part of society at Rensselaer and in America as a whole. Athletes sacrifice many hours a week for their sports and still make time for school work. The academic side of the athlete is being stressed more because if he or she fails any subject the player is exempt from participating in any sport.

Whether it be basketball, baseball, football, or track, the Rensselaer Bombers' sports teams gave it their best effort. The big matches against arch rivals often

brought out the best in Bomber athletes. For example, the varsity basketball team's extra effort enabled them to capture their first regional championship in the history of Rensselaer Central High School. All of the athletes' dedication to the various sports and to winning for Rensselaer and themselves made all of their time spent worthwhile.

Since there is limited space in the yearbook, all teams can't receive equal space in the sports section, but the big performances will never be overlooked or forgotten.





Dan Brandenburg coasts home for a victory in the 200 meter dash.

# Lady Golfers

*Place*

*15th*



For the fourth year in a row, the Rensselaer Central girls golf team represented the high school in the state meet. They ended up finishing 15th in the finals with a team composed of two seniors, two sophomores, and one freshman.

The girls finished the regular dual meet season with an undefeated season (12-0). They also won the Rensselaer Invitational and the Laporte Invitational, while finishing fourth in the McCutcheon Invitational and sixth in the Lafayette Invitational. With a very young team the girls might make their fifth trip to state next year.

*Upper left is Lynn Potter putting. Top right is Missi Messman shooting for the hole. To the right is Shannon McGraw watching her opponent's shot.*





#### Award winners

Most Improved Shannon McGraw

Most Valuable Missi Messman

Captains Lynn Potter and Missi Messman

Coach's Award Leslie Kaye

Most Improved Mental Attitude Missy Beaver

*Top right is Shannon McGraw eyeing the hole. Middle right is Lynn Potter walking to the next hole with her opponent. To the left is the 1990 RCHS girls golf team: Shannon McGraw, Leslie Kaye, Mr. Rick Stefaniwicz, Lynn Potter, Missi Messman, and Missy Beaver.*

*Tom Van Weinen works out of a tight spot below.  
Damon Daniels tries to get close to the hole.*



The 1991 boys golf season started out slowly, but gained momentum for a respectable finish.

The season record was nine wins and six losses. The team was fifth in sectional; Jake Risner, a freshman, advanced to regional where he placed eighteenth out of eighty-two players.

#### Awards

Coach's Award	Chris Hodnett
Most Valuable Player	Jake Risner
Most Improved	Damon Daniels, Jeremy Pullins



*The boys golf team: (back row) Chris Hodnett, Mark Donnelly, Dan Gehring, Jake Risner, Jeremy Pullins, and Brandon Kesper, and (front) Tom Van Weinen, Chad Anderson, Eric Beuter, John Warnecke, and manager Missi Meisman*



*Chris Honett eyeballs a putt  
Brandon Keeper sinks one  
Erin Beaver goes for the long putt.*

# Girls Net Even Season

*Below: senior Julie Koebeke gets ready to make one of her many successful serves. To the right: Kim Kronen and Elizabeth Steiner get ready as the opposing team serves.*



Volleyball at RCHS in 1990 ended a trying season at 12 and 12. Leah Carroll said, "We played well for being an inexperienced team. We had our ups and downs." The team put in many long, hard practices, perfecting their skills and on working as a team.

The netters had a heartbreaking finish to their season with a loss to Kankakee Valley in the sectional championship. Although they didn't win the sectional, they had a fun time playing. Erica Webb called it "a year of rebuilding."

The following volleyball team awards were:

Julie Koebeke:

Co-Most Valuable Player  
All-Conference  
Serving award  
Setting award

Leah Carroll:

Co-Most Valuable Player  
All-Conference  
Spiking award  
Passing award

Erica Webb:

All-Conference  
Blocking award

Denae Schultz:

Most Improved Player



*The girls varsity volleyball team: (front row, left to right) Kerri Louck, Misty Lanoue, Tanya Nagel, Chai Yeoman, and Kelli Doolin; and (back row) Julie Koebeke, Leah Carroll, Erica Webb, Nicole Risner, and Denae Schultz.*





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The junior varsity team: (front row, from left) Misty Garcia, Maurie Williams, Valerie Burdick, Courtney Reagan, Nicki Harlan, and Heather Kellner; and (back row) Kim Kronen, Donna Latta, Elizabeth Steiner, Heather Rafferty, Jennifer Luecke, Miriam Hansen, and Julie Luck.

Junior varsity volleyball finished the year with a 4-20 record, placing 2nd at the North White Tourney.

Award winners were:

Jenny Luecke:  
Elizabeth Steiner:

most improved  
mental attitude

*In the photo directly above, varsity players stand in huddle discussing the strategy of their next play.*

Though the varsity wasn't as successful as they wanted to be, their coach, Lisa Malone, looked on the bright side and added, "We'll have them all back, but one, (Julie Koebeke) next year, so maybe we'll do it then."

## CC: The Race Against Time



The 1990 season proved to be another successful one for the Bomber boys cross country team. There was only one loss during the dual meet season. Once again they were victorious at the Northwest Hoosier Conference meet by running away with the overall title. A second place finish at sectional enabled the boys to advance to the regional. After placing third there, they moved on to semi-state where they capped off the season with an eighth place finish. John Rafferty was the lone Bomber runner at the state meet again in 1990.

*John Rafferty looks ahead at the lead pack. Heather Groom and junior Kelly Jordan fight off a pack of pursuing runners. To the right: (back row) A.J. Worsley, Jason Harlan, Craig Hurley, Jeff Countryman, John Warneke and Coach Zimmer; and (front row) John Rafferty, Sean McKim, Corey Groom and Greg Geesa.*



SPORTS





*A.J. Wortley closes in on the runners ahead of him. Jo White and Tanya Allie battle for position at the semi-state meet at Valparaiso. Coach Zimmer and John Rafferty discuss the state meet course while A.J. Wortley provides support. Lower left: team members proudly display their Sectional trophy.*



Rensselaer Central had its first ever girls cross country team in 1990. They captured the sectional crown which enabled them to advance to regional competition. With a third place finish at regional, semi-state was their next stop.

The two seniors, captain Heather Groom and Jo White, provided leadership to guide the team. Junior Kelly Jordan joined late in the season to enable the team to compete. Newcomers Carla Sizemore, Tanya Allie and Angie Hoyes were a vital part of the team's success.

Heather Groom reflected on the season saying, "I was pleasantly surprised that the team did as well as it did in our first year. With all the youth that's on the team I'm sure that they'll have many successful seasons in the future."

## Football Rocks Around the Clock



The freshman football team had an excellent season, finishing the their first year as high school players undefeated. They were led by Pat Miller who gained over 1000 yards for the season. Nathan Mathew and Derrick Barton also contributed to a very potent running game.

*Pictured directly above is Pat Miller cutting upfield for hard fought yardage. Upper right is Dan Brandenburg hooking up with Jason Lintner for a nice gain. Right (jv team): (front row, left to right) Tom Van Weiman, Jason Overton, Grady Smith, Coli Webb, and Andy Gembala; (second row) Keith Wing, Jason Elijah, Greg Parker, Jamie Overton, Steve Koebeke, and Jason Cook; (third) Mark Rayburn, Matt Kenny, Ryan Hooker, Eric Van Meter, Alex Sitz, and Brian Zacher; and (back) Jarod Hancock, Eric Justice, Eric Beaver, Nathan Brown, Joel Mason, and Jeremy Leichby.*





RCBS	opponent
RCBS 12	Lowell 22
RCBS 29	North Newton 12
RCBS 20	North Judson 17
RCBS 8	Kankakee Valley 15
RCBS 33	Lake Station 0
RCBS 0	River Forest 22
RCBS 14	Central Catholic 15
RCBS 20	Twin Lakes 24
RCBS 28	LaVille 14
RCBS 28	John Glenn 6
RCBS 16	River Forest 25

The varsity football team had a roller coaster season, winning a game and then losing the very next one. They had a penchant for playing well after long bus rides as illustrated in their first two sectional games. They finished with a 5-6 record after losing to eventual state runner-up River Forest. Award winners for the Bombers were Dan Brandenburg, Jason Lintner, Jim Miller, and Gabe Edwards: most valuable offensive players. Receiving defensive awards were Jim Miller, Jason Lintner, Brian Wood and Cory Watt.

*Top right photo is Jim Miller busting up field for a score. Middle picture is Cory Watt working for extra yards.*

# Women Win Conference



Although the women's regular swimming season wasn't the best, their team spirit represented RCHS very well. The season record was nine and five with one tie against Valparaiso. The team spirit carried through as they won the Rensselaer Invitational and the conference meet that was held at Kankakee Valley High School. The divers had a great season with Alison Malone and Shannon Barton advancing to the state level. Alison placed sixteenth with very impressive scores. Next year, the girls hope to improve their season record.

At the top right Kori Pfledderer puts all her effort into her swimming. In the middle picture the women pose for a picture after winning conference. Mr. Kellow is thrown into the pool. Above Alison Malone shows championship style diving.







Top picture Tara Putt does the butterfly. Team members are as follows: Top row Ann Wesley, Cary Claussen, Nicole Sykes, Heather Stalbaum, Alison Malone, Shannon Barron, Kori Pfladderer, Heidi Eldridge, Lana Williams, Coach Dan Kellow. Second row: Brian Duncan, Courtney Roberts, Malia Hale, Tara Putt, Kari Schrum, Kristen Hyvonen, Joy Mendenhall, Cindy Lane. Bottom row: Anne Craig, Heather Steffen, Angie Fenwick, Gretchen Schenk, Melanie Callahan.

# Conference Champs!!!



Despite the regular season, the boys' swim team showed their talents at the Rensselaer Invitational and Conference by winning both. The team also did an excellent job at sectional; they tied for fifth place. The boys won ten out of sixteen meets for the year. At the awards banquet Nathan Brown got the most valuable swimmer award and the most improved award went to Craig Lewis. The men are planning on improving their record during next years season.

At the top right Jason Marchand makes a plunge for the pool. At the top left Joel Mason is diving. On the last picture Craig Lewis does the butterfly.





At the top of the page Andy Gembala is doing the butterfly. At the bottom left Brian Arnold watches the other swimmers. At the bottom right Brian is swimming the freestyle.

# It's Time to Play Ball

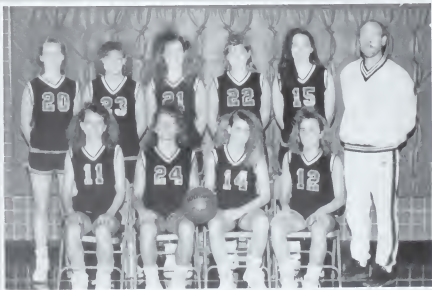


The 1990-91 basketball season for the girls' teams was found to be very rewarding for the hard working Lady Bombers. Each of the teams was dedicated to their game and came out with superb records to show for it.

The Varsity team ended their year with a 15-7 record, which included their claim to the sectional title. That they easily took from K.V. These girls were the leaders for the j.v. team whose 15-3 record included the eighth consecutive win of the T.C. tourney. These Jr. Lady Bombers felt they had a good season and worked well together under the coaching of Jerry McKim. The Freshman girls team also had a good first season of their high school careers with a 6-4 record, and had shown much improvement at the end of the season.

Top left is Leah Carroll shooting a jumper. Top picture is the Bombers on defense.





Top right: Tanya Allie pumps a two pointer, Bottom middle: J.V. girls' basketball players. 1st row left to right: Kelly Jordan, Kari Schram, Jenny Bean, Julie Dene, 2nd row, left to right: Stacy Daniels, Dene Schultz, Julie Luck, Chris Klimas, Mariam Hansen, Coach McKim

# How Sweet it is 1991 Regional CHAMPS

Right is Ryan Hooker, Steve Gehring, and Dan Brandenburg waiting for a rebound. Below is Steve Gehring shooting an important free throw.



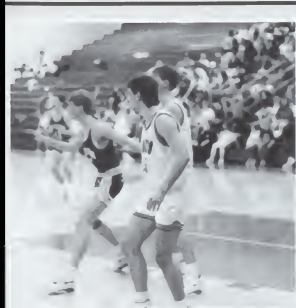
The sweet sixteen: a position that all high school basketball players think about. Thoughts by the Bomber basketball players became a reality as they fought their way to Purdue's Mackey Arena at the Lafayette semi-state. The season started with the Bombers reeling off five straight wins, and at one time were 9-1. They finished the regular season with a 14-6 record. Next up was the Kankakee Valley sectional, where the Bombers hadn't won since 1969. Dreams of the sectional title came true after victories over K.V., Kouts, and Hebron for the championship. This was one of the biggest accomplishments for Rensselaer athletics this year, but it didn't stop there. They went to Lafayette Jeff and beat the host school in overtime, a feat that no other team had done in 28 other regional games. The championship game was a matchup of an earlier encounter. Twin Lakes, the Bomber obstacle, defeated the Bombers 75-67 on December 21. But that didn't stop the Bombers as they beat the Indians 64-62 on a last second shot by senior center Steve Gehring.







Left is Chris Prather going up for the shot.  
Below is Clint Swan and Ryan Hooker bringing  
the ball up court. Lower left is Jason Lintner  
setting up on defense. Bottom left is Ryan  
Hooker going up for the board.



# SINK IT !

To the right Jeff Hitchings goes up with a shot. Below Colt Webb shoots for two.



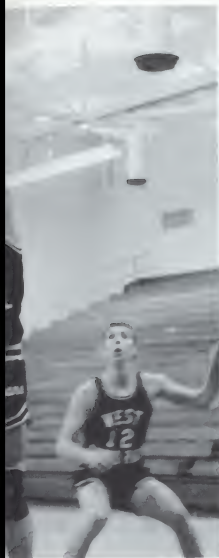
The RCHS JV basketball team ended a great year with a record of 13-7. The year went well for the team with a spectacular win at Mid Winter Tournament. The JV basketball team played great all year and had a wonderful season. Colt Webb led the Bombers in scoring with 8.4 points per game.

Awards given at the end of the year were as follows:

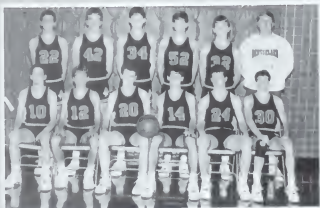
Assists	Jeremy Klinkhamer (38 assists)
Rebounds	Colt Webb (5.2 rebounds per game)
Free Throw Percentage	Corey Groom (72.4%)



Pictured above is (top row) Coach Steve Doud, Alex Siz, Colt Webb, Jeff Hitchings, Eric Van Meter, and Curt Hannon; (bottom row) managers Chris Northcutt and Jerry Chernowsky, Keith Wing, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Corey Groom, Steve Koebecke and managers Mike Chapman and Mike Greene.



To the left Scott Gilbert goes up for the basket. Below Ivan Steinke shoots a free throw to tie up the game.



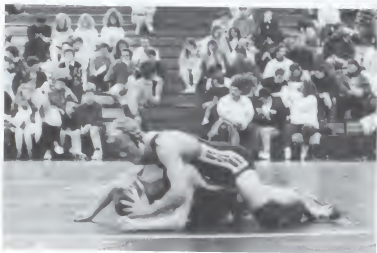
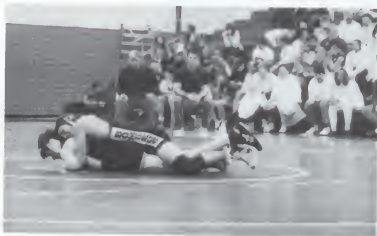
Above (top row) Jake Risner, Kevin Arnold, Scott Gilbert, Ivan Steinke, Jason Fellmy, Coach Brian Wyncoop, (bottom row) Kyle Lanoue, Sean McKim, Mike Maienbrook, Craig Hurley, Nathan Matthew, Ryan Meunier.

The 1990-91 RCHS boys freshmen basketball team had both an exciting and victorious season. The team's record for the year was an astonishing 16-2.

Awards given at the end of the season went to the following:

Assists	Sean McKim (34 assists)
Rebounds	Scott Gilbert (103 rebounds)
Free Throws	Jason Fellmy (72%)

# Grapplers Improve over Time



Intensity...the difference between a good wrestler and an excellent one. At times during the season Bomber grapplers displayed this needed skill, and other times they didn't. When the team wrestled with intensity they blew their opponents away; when it lacked, the team was lackadaisical. There were two Bomber wrestlers that always possessed this needed characteristic: Jim Miller and Jeff Countryman. These two came through with a win whenever it was needed for the team. The grapplers had a bumpy season, coming away with some unexpected performances and sometimes falling short of expectations. Among the highlights were a third place finish in the Chesterton Invitational, a North White championship, and a late season win over McCutcheon; a team that usually gives the Bombers a hard time.

*Top left picture is John Warneke putting in a half-nelson. Upper right is Jim Miller throwing a headlock on Matt Anderson. Middle is Chaz Robinson getting ready to pin his opponent. To the right are the Bombers getting ready for an important match.*





Below is Ed Cain working for a takedown.



# Girls Track Team

*Ties for 7th in state*



A first place finish in the discus by Julie Koebeke enabled the Lady Bomber track team to finish in a tie for 7th in the 1991 state meet with a total of 10 team points. Her finish was the first ever in this event in school history and the throw of 146 feet and 6 inches beat the second place finisher by over seven feet. Kori Pfledderer also participated in the discus, but did not place.

The girls track team finished the regular season with an impressive 18-6 record. They finished second in conference losing only to Kankakee Valley.



*In the center photo, state champ Julie Koebeke competes in discus while Mark Harsha looks on. In the left center photo, Stacie Daniels concentrates on her strategy. The girls track team: (back row from left) Mrs. Cindy Kimmel, Shannon McGraw, Kori Pfledderer, Julie Luck, Jennifer Laucke, Nicole Risner, Julie Koebeke, Tonya Nagel, Heather Rafferty, Mindy Sabr, Jamie Wilmington, and Mrs. Nancy Meisman, and (front) Miriam Hansen, Tonya Allis, Malia Hale, Denise Schultz, Heather Groom, Angie Hoyes, Stacie Daniels, Elizabeth Steiner, and Kerri Louck.*





#### Award winners

Carla Sizemore	Most valuable underclassman
Tonya Nagel	Co-captain and coach's award
Jenny Luecke	Coach's award
Julie Koebecke	Most valuable and co-captain

*In the top right picture, Nicole Risner runs her leg of a relay. In the middle right picture Kori Pfledderer hurls the disc. To the left, Tonya Allie competes in a distance event.*

# 1991 Boys Track Team

*Flies to Conference Championship*



30-2-1: the final record of the 1991 boys track team. No other sport's team at R.C.H.S. had such a dominating record. The two losses came from the hands of West Lafayette, one being in the sectional. While placing third at sectional, the track team won the Gene Edmonds Relays and the Northwest Hoosier Conference, and placed eighth at the Kokomo Regional.

Dan Brandenburg set a new school record in the high jump at six feet eight inches and went to state in the high jump as well as in the 200. While at state, Dan broke the school record again with a jump of six feet nine inches, giving him a third place finish in state. Dan finished in the top fifteen in the 200 as well.



*Crossing for a win, Pat Miller wins the 400*

*Boys track 1991: (back row from left) Coach Bill Zimmer, Coach Dan Kellou, Pat Miller, Cole Wink, Chuck Madd, Dan Brandenburg, Alex Sato, Bob Hughes, Gary Clapp, A.J. Worley, Gary Clawson, Tom Klesi, Don Meisner, and Mark Harsha; (middle row) Jay Proulx, Jason Hoffman, Greg Parker, Tim Thompson, Craig Herley, Cory Watt, Joel Mason, Steve Koshko, Jason Elfish, Jared Hancock, Greg Hayes, and Ryan Meunier; and (front row) Corey Groom, Sean McKim, Steve Radd, Andy Gembala, Chad Todd, Eric Justice, Jason Cook, and Bob Sanders.*



*Cory Watt heads for the finish line after a hurdles win.*

*A.J. Worley paces himself for a long run.*



#### Award winners in track

Cary Claussen	coaches award
Rod Hughes	coaches award
Dan Brandenburg	most valuable and co-captain
Cory Watt	Emory Harrison award and co-captain
Colt Webb	most valuable underclassman

*Colt Webb strains as he throws the shot.*

# Baseball Improves

*Over Time*



A late season surge by the Bomber baseball team enabled them to win six out of their last eight games. After a slow start, the bats came around at the right time. For the first time in a few seasons, the baseball team advanced past the first round in sectional beating South Newton for the third time during the year. The season ended with a loss to North Newton 5-3. The Bomber team had three players named all-conference: Jason Lintner, Tim Dobson and Jacob Chapman, while Charles Hodnett received an honorable mention.

*Upper left is Jason Linter swinging away. Top center shows Charles Hodnett trying for a base hit.*





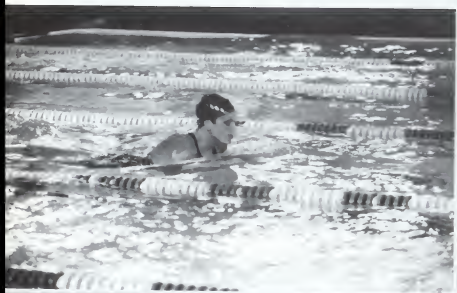
*Jake Chapman holds a runner on first base.*

*Tom Dobson chases a ball behind the plate.*

*The 1991 varsity baseball team: (front row from left) Brandon Cain, Jacob Chapman, Sean Halligan, Tim Dobson, Jason Lintner, Derrick Barton, Mike Chapman, Bill Souza, Mark Meyer, Coach Steve David, Todd Grace, and Chris Bell; and (front) Chad Wilmington, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Troy Rule, Mark Hurley, Jason Pullins, Charles Hodnett, Dan Scripster, Travis Davis, and Bill Knouff.*

*Members of the JV team were (front row) Chad Healy, David Lintner, Kyle Lanoue, Mike Greene, Nathan Mathew, Shady Haskell, and Jason Courtney; and (back row) Coach Chris Bell, Bill Souza, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Mike Chapman, Kevin Arnold, Scott Gilbert, Derrick Barton, Jason Felmy, Jason Pullins, and Coach Todd Grace.*





*Steve Koebeke*  
*Julie Koebeke*  
*Kori Pflederer*  
*Mark Meyer*  
*John Rafferty*







*Jacob Chapman  
Cary Clausen  
Tonya Allie  
The Freshman Wave*



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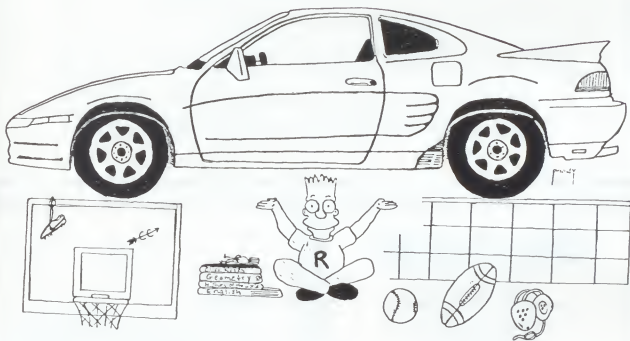
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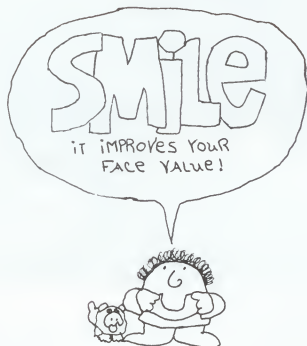
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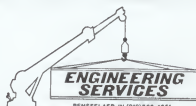


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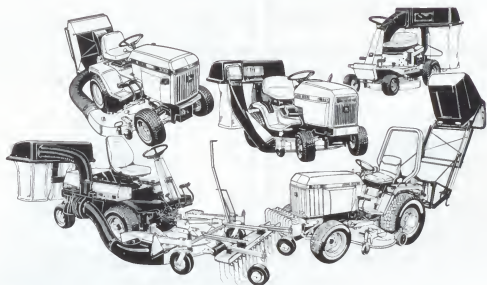
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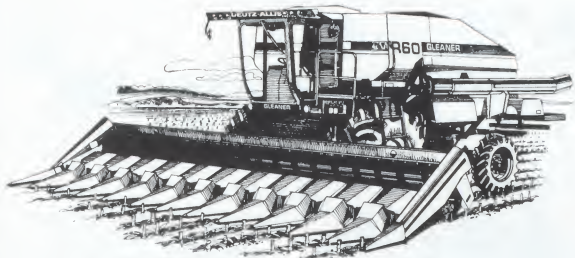
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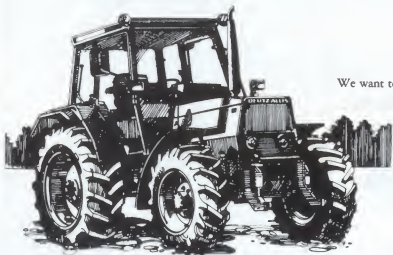
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